

THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, December 2, 1893.

THE OLDEST PERSON IN DELAWARE.
—The Wilmington (Del.) Commercial of Nov. 15th, says:

Three score years and ten is generally considered a good old age; four score is looked upon as the utmost limits of a ripe old age, and every year in excess of the latter period is generally considered added by the almost special interposition of Divine Providence. The Revolutionary heroes have passed away; those are now left who took an active part in the stirring times that tried men's souls. Their brilliant achievements are fresh upon our memories, but the forms that wielded the arms of martial strife upon the fields of Lexington, the heights of Bunker's Hill, at the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, have passed away. Tradition only tells of their achievements upon the battle field, which led to the glorious Declaration of Independence on the 4th of July, 1776. Here and there lives an old veteran who has passed an octogenarian age and claims to be as old as our nation's birthday, but none are so old as she who is the subject of this article and who lives hearty and well in Delaware City, in the State of Delaware.

Elizabeth Fenimore was born on the 11th day of December, at Amsterdam, Germany, in the year of our Lord 1781, and will, on the 11th day of next December, be 108 years old. She removed to this country in the eighth year of her age, and has consequently been in the country of her adoption 100 years, arriving here seven years before the Declaration of Independence, and when the old bell was sounding forth the proclamation of liberty for throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof, she, in the maiden bloom of "sweet sixteen," was living at the mouth of Mantua Creek, in New Jersey, where she was soon after wards wooed and won by Matthew Bigger, a young Revolutionary soldier, whom she married when she was twenty-one years of age, and by whom she had eleven children, the youngest of whom is now 55 years old, and the oldest, if now living, would be eighty-five. She is now living with her son, Charles C. Bigger, who, with one exception, is the youngest of her children, and who is sixty-three years of age.

Her husband dying when her youngest child was an infant, she remained a widow a short time and then married a man named Fenimore, with whom she lived until his death, which occurred in 1825, when she has lived with her son as before mentioned.

She is remarkably active, and goes from house to house calling upon her neighbors, and talking to old times, when she was a girl. Like most old people she recollects events that transpired eighty or ninety years ago more distinctly than events of a more recent date. She distinctly recollects the frequent visits of General Washington to the house where she lived, and his often dining there, and until recently she recollects all the principal events of the American Revolution. On Wednesday of last week she tripped lightly down the main street of Delaware City to a daguerrotype gallery and had her likeness taken. From present appearances she bids fair to live for a number of years yet.

This remarkable old lady is indeed a connecting link with the past age. Only twenty-nine years younger than General Washington, fourteen years older when the battle of Lexington took place, and twenty-one years old at the close of the Revolution. She first lived in the Kingdom of Holland, eight years from the time of her birth, from 1781 to 1789; then in the British colonies, under the reign of King George, a period of seven years, until the Declaration of Independence, when the colonies became a free and independent nation, under which she has ever since resided.

HOW TO CURE A CANCER.—A Milwaukee paper states that some eight months ago Mr. T. B. Mason, of that city, ascertained that he had a cancer on his face the size of a pin. It was cut out by Dr. W. H. Hays, and the wound healed. Subsequently it grew again, and while he was at Cincinnati on business it attained the size of a hickory nut. He remained there three Christmas under treatment, and is now perfectly cured. The process is this: A piece of sticking plaster was put over the cancer, with a circular piece cut out of the center a little larger than the cancer, so that the cancer and a small circular rim of the healthy skin next to it was exposed. Then a plaster made of oxide of zinc, blood root and wheat flour was spread on a piece of muslin the size of this circular opening, and applied to the cancer for 24 hours. On removing it, the cancer will be found burnt into and appear the color and hardness of an old shoe sole, and the circular rim outside of it will appear white and parboiled, as if scalded by hot steam. The wound is now dressed, and the outside rim soon separates, and the cancer comes out in a hard lump, when the place heals up. The plaster kills the cancer so that it sloughs out like dead flesh, and never grows in again. The remedy was discovered by Dr. Fell, of London, and has been used by him for six years with unflinching success, and not a case has been known of the re-appearance of the cancer when this remedy has been applied.

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