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JAMES PATTERSON was one of the pioneers of Adams County. He was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1810. In 1817 he emigrated with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio. When he arrived at the age of twenty-seven he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Peterson, and shortly after he removed to St. Mary's, Ohio. In the spring of 1839 he came to reside in the newly laid out town of Decatur, where he continued to live until his death, which occurred November 13, 1875. He became a member of the Presbyterian church of Decatur in the winter of 1845, under the ministry of Rev. J.H. Nevius. Shortly after he became a member he was elected and ordained deacon, which office he held until death. He was next to the oldest of a family of six brothers and two sisters, and was the first one of the brothers called away. Of the remaining brothers, Alexander, William, Samuel, Robert and Thomas, only Samuel is now living. James Patterson left a wife and six children.