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George W. Salmond was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1824. His boyhood days were spent in the states of Delaware and New Jersey. At the age of twenty-one years, he, with his father's family, moved to Indiana where in 1853 he was married to Lavina D. Hoffman, a daughter of John C. and Mary D. Hoffman.

Lavina D. Hoffman was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1839. When she was ten years old she moved with her parents to Columbus, Indiana where she spent her early womanhood.

George W. and Lavina D. (Hoffman) Salmond were the parents of eight children who were: Mary M. who was born in 1856; Oliver A.; Annie G.; Maggie I.; Alfred G.; Oscar; and Nellie.

Lavina D. (Hoffman) Salmond died in Sauk Centre, June 16, 1919.

In the year 1861, John C. Hoffman and his son-in-law, George W. Salmond started to look up a claim upon which to make a home. They came to West Union and selected the claims which suited them, but they did not go to the land office and file upon them nor did they build a cabin or make any visible occupancy by which they might have held their claims.

On June 11, 1862 they returned to West Union. They had heard their prospective claims had been filed upon so they decided to try and buy out the parties who had located there. John C. Hoffman offered \$200 to redeem his claim, which offer was promptly accepted and the settler immediately packed his household furnishings and moved out and Mr. Hoffman moved in.

Mr. Salmond also succeeded in regaining his claim for \$200 and was given immediate possession. Later both George W. Salmond and John C. Hoffman filed on the claims and their heirs made final proof on the same day, March 16, 1869.

When the First Baptist Congregation was organized the entire George

W. Salmond families became members and remained faithful workers even after the church was moved from Fairy Lake to Sauk Centre. George W. Salmond acted as Deacon of the organization throughout his life.

George W. Salmond died at Sauk Centre August 28, 1902 and was buried at West Union.

Interviewed: Merle O'Brien
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FOR THE GEORGE WASHINGTON SALMOND BIOGRAPHY

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George W. Salmond Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 17, 1824

Son of Daniel Salmond and Martha Cathcard

Died August 28, 1902

Age 78 years 2 months and 11 days