O. P. Chapin Old Pioneer Dies

Pioneer Pony Express Rider and Carried of News of Lincoln's Death.

Orville P. Chapin, well known and famous pioneer of Huron county, died late Saturday at his home near Bay Port at the age of 88 years. Born in St. Clair lived at Wild Fowl Beach, became to Fair Haven township, Huron county, as a young man. During the last 30 years he has lived at Wild Fowl Beach, be tween Bay Port and Caseville.

During his colorful life Mr. Chapin led in early game conservation work; was a pioneer school teacher, surveyor, justice of the peace, pony express rider, and carried the news of Lincoln's death to the backwoods. Twenty years ago he introduced the first ring neck pheasants in the Upper Thumb.

Mr. Chapin had been active until his death. He is survived by his widow; two sons; and one daughter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 1:30 from the residence and at 2:00 o'clock from the Bay Port Methodist church. The Rev. Aaron Mitchell officiated. Burial was in the old Bay Port cemetery.

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