

BORN.

STREKE.—In Georgetown, on the 12th November, the wife of Mr. H. G. Streke, a son, died.

MARRIED.

BARTLE.—UNITED—On the 1st inst., by Rev. Wm. Methodist Parsonage, Lexington, Vt., Bartle, Minister of His Majesty's Church, Niagara Falls, to Mrs. Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, who formerly resided in Acton.

DIED.

MARSH.—DIED—On the 12th November, Margaret Kennedy, widow of the late John Marsh, aged 81 years.

MEMPHIS.—DIED—On Friday Nov. 12th, Mrs. Oliver, daughter of James Hart, aged 74 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1888.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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