AUNT NANCY PASSES AWAY

Miss Kennedy, the Granddaughter of the Man Who Founded Covington, Is Dead.

DEATH OF THE AGED WOMAN PEACEFUL

She Had Seen the City Grow From a Tiny Settlement—Her Interesting Career.

"Aunt Nancy," Kennedy in doubt;
Her passing is the breaking of a link that connected Covington with
the dim past. She was almost a landmark in the community, and
was known by every resident of Covington, who had lived in the
city any length of time. She was 90 years of age, and had lived here
continuously since she was a year old. Born Nov. 24, 1811, just
before the outbreak of the War of 1812, she had seen Covington grow
from a tiny settlement into a city of 50,000. Possessed of a marvel-
ous memory, and with unimpaired faculties up to the time of her
death, she was a directory to those seeking information about early
Covington, and if any one wanted straight, they

MISS NANCY KENNEDY.

On the day before her birthday—former Governor Foster, of Ten-

nessee, himself 80 years old—came to his home in Nashville. He
Miss Kennedy and had a long chat with her. Just two weeks ago the
old lady had her photograph taken and sent one to Governor Foster.
When these photographs were taken relatives asked Miss Kennedy
if she would send them all one as a Christmas gift. The old lady's reply was al-
most prophetic:

PROPHETIC REPLY

"I don't like to wait so long. Something might happen before Christmas."
So she gave them all a photograph, and they are valued highly by the family as being the latest
and best likenesses of the aged woman.

The living relatives of Miss Kennedy are: Mrs. Kennedy, Joseph
Kennedy and Foster Kennedy, of Hamilton, O., who are nephews, and
Thomas Fleming, of Roane County, and Robert Crout, of Craw-
fordsville, Ind., who are nephews, Thomas Kennedy, of Covington,
former City Engineer, and Joseph
Kennedy are cousins. Sam Long is
a grand-nephew. Miss Alice Mc-
Govern, Dr. Louise Southgate and
Mrs. Mary Brewster are gran-
dnieces. Her nieces are Mrs. Mou-
ter Towsley, and Mrs. Jane E. Con-
ner, of Covington; Mrs. Elizabeth
Davis, of Coffeyville, Kan., and Mrs.
Hannah Delinger, of Bakersville,
California.

The funeral will take place from

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No. 5, Tompkins, aged 83, of O'Keen
Tuesday morning. Surrounded by relatives who loved her, this
gentle old until breathed her last. Her
passing was very peaceful. She
died suddenly from some time, but pneumonia was the
immediate cause of her death.

Miss Nancy Kennedy was born a few miles from Hamilton, O., and was the daughter of Samuel Ken-

nedey and Jane Richardson. She was one in a family of 12 chil-

FONDED THE CITY

Her father was the son of Thomas
Kennedy, the founder of Covin-

ugton. In 1790 Thomas Kennedy bought a grant of land from the Govern-
ment, built himself a house, and in 1795 started a landing and ran a ferryboat across the Ohio River.
He then built the first stone house ever erected in this part of the country near the foot of Garrard-
st, which is still standing and is acknowledged to be the oldest house in Covington. Covington was then only known as "Kennedy's
d. But in February, 1815, 150 acres of Kennedy's land were trans-
ferred to Gen. John S. Gano, Richard
M. Gano and Thomas Davis
Armstrong. This tract was incorpo-
rated in Covington and named Covin-
ton in honor of Gen. Leonard Covin-
ton.

It was to this old stone house that the infant Nancy Kennedy was brought by her mother at the age of 1 year. Here the Kennedy family lived for many years and here Miss Nancy Kennedy met many distinguished men and wom-

en. In 1845 another house was
built next door to the old stone

and in this house Miss Nancy

Kennedy has lived ever since. She
lived all alone, being absolutely

RETIRED MRS. STOWE

There is a tradition which has
never been verified, that while vis-
iting in this vicinity shortly before the
Civil War, Mrs. Haynes Beecher-
Stowe was a guest of Miss Kenned-

ey, and wrote several chapters of

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" in her house.

Mrs. Drake, the well-known actress in the early days, was a warm
friend of Miss Kennedy.

On Thanksgiving Day, Miss Ken-
nedy was 93 years of age and she
was able to get out and take dis-

ner at the home of her granddaughter, Dr. Louise Southgate, at Third and

Russell-sts, where there was quite