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In memory of Henry B. Austin, who departed this life,  
24 January 1904.

In the death of Henry B. Austin, which occurred at his residence at 2 o'clock Sunday morning DeLand loses one of its first settlers and best citizens.

He was an honest man, good citizen, and leaves not an enemy on this earth.

Henry B. Austin was born in Charlestown, Indiana 22 Feb. 1839 and would have been 65 years old next month.

He moved with his parents at 6 yrs of age to New Albany and was reared in that city. He enlisted and served two years in the war being at one time stationed at Sugar Loaf Mountain, in signal service.

He joined Centenary church when quite young and has been connected with the church ever since. He married Hettie M. Shiveley in 1863 who still survives him.

Three children were left to mourn his loss. He came to DeLand in January 1876, was greatly attached to his adopted home, and never wanted to go back to live.

He had been in failing health for many months, but bore his sufferings with great patience, never murmuring but anxious to depart and be at rest. The Twenty Third Psalm was a great comfort to him in his last days. He was among the first to organize the Methodist church and was for 20 years an honored member of the official board. He was the last of the male members who started the little craft, all have <sup>preceded</sup> ~~preced~~ him to the other side. A good kind husband and father has passed away leaving an aching void in our hearts.

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while  
in 1924  
Hettie  
died  
March  
1876.