Her Name Lives on in Lafayette

As lovely as a Godey print is this photograph of Mrs. John Nickerson, mother of J. C. Nickerson of Lafayette. John Nickerson in 1860 laid out Nickerson Addition, center of which was Sterling Grove, the family residence. The names of Elizabeth street and Hance street were inspired by Mrs. John Nickerson, the former Elizabeth Bumsone. Bimose street derived its name from Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, the birthplace of J. C. Nickerson, and the native home of the Nickerson family.

(Photo courtesy J. C. Nickerson family)