

[Bloomfield, Allen]

ALLEN BLOOMFIELD

In the death of Allen Bloomfield, which occurred about two o'clock Monday morning, Richfield Springs is called upon to mourn the loss of one of its best known and most respected citizens. His entire life, extending over a period of eighty-three years, has been spent in this immediate vicinity and it can be said without fear of contradiction that he numbered every acquaintance as a friend, as he possessed a character uniformly courteous and kind and performed many deeds that endeared him to the hearts of his fellow man. Mr. Bloomfield's grandfather emigrated from New Jersey in 1790 and settled on the farm just north of the Weatherbee property north of this village. Several sons were born to Jonathan Bloomfield, and Joseph, the youngest, was the father of the subject of this sketch.

In his younger days Allen Bloomfield taught school and also was honored by the town of Warren by being elected to various offices of importance. The family homestead purchased in 1790 still remains in the family and is occupied by the son of the deceased, Mr. Charles Bloomfield.

About thirty-five years ago Allen Bloomfield became a resident of this village and has since that time been a prominent and honored citizen. Since his residence here he has served the village as president and also as trustee for several terms, besides being prominently connected with the business affairs of the place. He was president and principal owner of the (Walontha?) Knitting company, in which he took perhaps the greatest interest of any of his business. He was also president of the Electric Light company, a director in the Scotch Cap company, a director in the Mohawk bank and until last January a director of the First National bank of this village, which office he resigned at that time owing to his inability to devote any time to the duties.

The death of Mr. Bloomfield takes about the last of the old guard which was so prominently connected with the growth and prosperity of Bloomfield, especially at a time when men of this class was [were] needed to save the place from absolute bankruptcy... These men have all passed away, but their names and memories will live and be gratefully appreciated during the life time of those who knew them. While each of these men is entitled to great credit it is perhaps true that Allen Bloomfield, by reason of his wealth, was the head and front in the great work, and every citizen of Richfield has good cause to bless his memory.

Mr. Bloomfield was twice married, his first wife being Rosalinda E. Bell of Jordanville, and his second wife, who survives him, Miss Annette Ford of this village. He is also survived by one son, Charles Bloomfield, and two grandchildren, Allen J. and Russell Bloomfield.

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Deceased was a member of the Universalist church, which organization will severely feel its loss in his death.

The funeral occurs at 2 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. C. H. [Charles Henry] Vail officiating, and the interment will take place in the family burying ground on the homestead farm.

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