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Bolivar Ellis, whose funeral services will be held at Victor this afternoon, filled a large place in the community and will be sincerely missed. His death on Sunday evening was due to the infirmities of old age. Deceased was born on the Ellis farm south west of Victor on February 25, 1833, the son of Henry and Isabel Bennett Ellis. He attended school in Victor and in early life was a farmer, surveyor, and conveyancer. Much of his education was obtained through reading and private study. He held many positions of honor. In 1882 he was elected County Clerk of Ontario County on the Democratic ticket and served three years. He was a life long resident of Victor, being Justice of the Peace and a member of the town board for many years. He was also Justice of Sessions two years, and Loan Commissioner three years, and served his town as Supervisor for three years. He became a member of Milnor Lodge, F. A and M., at Victor when a young man, and for many years acted as master. He was also a Knight Templar. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Excelsior Chapter, No. 164, Canandaigua, in 1868. Not only was he conscientious in his discharge of his obligations, but he was kind and enjoyed the respect of all his neighbors. He had been a marvel of keen judgment and bodily activity until a year ago, when his waning strength was watched with regret by his many friends. His wife, who was Frances M. Lobdell, died March 27, 1897. There survive, a daughter, Mrs. Isabel Wilder, of Queens, L. I., two grandchildren, two nieces, Miss Lydia North and Mrs. Belle Bennett, of Rochester, two nephews, Frank North and William Turner.

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Transcriber's note: Bolivar Ellis was a long-time prominent member of the Victor Universalist Society. In 1907 he authored a detailed history of the congregation.

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