

[Ellsworth, Sylvester S.]

Sylvester S. Ellsworth

On Sunday morning, March 15th, Sylvester S. Ellsworth passed quietly away at his home at Schuyler Lake after an illness of two weeks in which he was confined to his bed, following several years of failing health.

Sylvester Ellsworth was born September 19, 1841 in Starkville, but when very young moved to Schuyler Lake and that place has since been his home.

He married Minerva Perkins in 1867 and they began housekeeping on what is now the Joseph Kelly farm and lived there until the death of his wife about nineteen years ago, when he with his daughters, Marietta and Claudine, moved to the village and cared for the late Mrs. Emma Kelly for some time. After this he lived with his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patrick. After Mr. Patrick's death he continued to live with Mrs. Patrick until about four years ago, when Mrs. Patrick went to Cooperstown[.] Mr. Ellsworth stayed in the house which was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Milbert and has since boarded with Mrs. Milbert who, during his sickness gave him every care, doing all she could for him.

He was not only one of the oldest residents of the village, but one of the oldest Masons[,], having been a faithful member of Schuyler Lake Lodge, No. 162, for many years. He was also a member of the Universalist church.

He leaves five children: Jesse of Schuyler Lake, Ralph W. Ellsworth, Mrs. Marietta Patrick, Mrs. Claudine Fowler of Cooperstown, and Lewis Ellsworth of Carlisle, Pa.; nine grandchildren: Mrs. James Pepper of Utica, Elmer Ellsworth of Philadelphia, Warren Ellsworth of Peekskill, children of Jesse Ellsworth; Waldo and Louise Ellsworth of Cooperstown, children of Ralph Ellsworth; Selwyn Patrick of Cooperstown, Harold and Gordon Fowler of Cooperstown, and Kirk Ellsworth of Carlisle, and one great grandchild, James Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Pepper of Utica; two sisters, Mrs. Esther Lechevet of Schuyler Lake and Mrs. Cora Warner of Mohawk; one brother, John Ellsworth of Cortland and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral, which was largely [well] attended by relatives and friends was held in the Universalist church at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17th, the Rev. G. [George] C. Boorn officiating, with burial at Fly Creek in the family plot. The many beautiful flowers sent at the time of his funeral gave mute evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Ellsworth was held. -Our Schuyler Lake Reporter.

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