

[Palmer, Leonard A.]

Death of a Former Resident of Bridgewater

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On Monday, April 10th, 1899, there passed from our midst a venerable and esteemed citizen, Mr. Leonard A. Palmer, a resident for 29 years in Honeoye Falls.

His father was one of the pioneer settlers from Connecticut who helped to clear the forests of Oneida county. He was born in Bridgewater, N.Y., in 1817, where he resided until the age of 39. In 1843 he was married to Lucretia B. Palmer, sister of J. Leonard Palmer of this place. In 1856 he removed to the town of Lenox, Madison county, and fourteen years later, 1870, to Honeoye Falls.

His life had been spent on the farm, and youthful battles with the elements developed a sturdy character that has won respect and admiration wherever he had lived. During the intervals when nature was at rest he was active in literary work and teaching. Twenty winters passed thus previous to his coming among us here. White haired men in recent years have come to him as friend and counselor of former years, and asked recognition on the ground that they were former pupils of his.

His progressive spirit and sympathy with all movements for the betterment of his fellows had been manifested in recent years through his activity in the establishment of Granges, and in his continuous interest and efforts in their behalf.

His loss will be heavily felt by the church of which he was a devoted, enthusiastic and consistent member. For six years he was an interested leader of a local Bible class, and by careful reasoning threw light on many a cloudy passage. He set to verse the lessons of a year in his usually interesting manner.

Funeral services were held at the house Thursday, April 13th at 1:30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Conklin, pastor of the Universalist church of LeRoy, N.Y. Many relatives from other parts of the state were present. Honeoye Falls Grange, No. 6, of which he was a member, also attended in a body and conducted an impressive service at the grave. Floral decorations furnished by the Grange and other friends, and the kindness of all attest the esteem in which the deceased was held. He will long be missed from among us.

He is survived by his widow and two sisters, Mrs. Esther McRae of Harrison, Minn., and Mrs. C. Orlando Palmer of Bridgewater, N.Y. His widow has the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

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