

[Simmons, Orlando Patrick]

Death of a Well Known and Respected Citizen at an Advanced Age

At the age of 80 years, Orlando P. Simmons, one of the most highly respected citizens of Perinton, died at his home in Fairport, at 8 o'clock, Monday evening. Twelve years ago he suffered serious injuries in a runaway, that brought on a long and painful illness and he never fully recovered. Mr. Simmons was born in Webster, October 7, 1821. He removed to LeRoy, afterward to Scottsville, coming to Fairport, in 1860, where he has since resided. He was associated in business and conducted under the firm name of Simmons & Jennings, a market, for many years, and also was in the marble business for some time. Later, and until his last sickness, he conducted for many years a real estate and insurance office, which he sold to A. W. Palmer, a few months ago.

Mr. Simmons was a staunch Republican, and was a delegate to the first Republican convention held in this county. No man ever held the confidence of the people better. He was associate judge two terms and undersheriff with James K. Burlingame three years. He was a member of the first board of trustees of the village of Fairport, in 1867, and held for the long period of 32 years the office of justice in town and village. His decisions were fair and his treatment of his fellowmen generous and humane.

He was married three times, the last time to Anna D. Wing, [on] April 27, 1851, who survives him; also one daughter, Mrs. James T. Jennings, and one son, Corydon Simmons of this place; also a brother, Harvey B. Simmons of Avon, and a sister, Mrs. Josephine Gilbert of Flint, Mich. In his younger days Mr. Simmons was a prominent and active member of the Masonic fraternity, having held the office of master for several years in Fairport lodge, No. 476, and was one of the oldest members of that organization. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the house on West avenue. Rev. L. W. Raymond will officiate and the burial will be in accordance with the rites of the Masonic fraternity.

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[Transcriber's note: The Universalist congregation in Fairport had long since disbanded by the time of his death.]