

[Sisson, Gideon Edgar]

DEATH OF A PIONEER

Gideon Sisson Passes Away at His Home.

Last of a Large Family—End of a Sturdy, Conscientious Life

Gideon Sisson, one of the pioneers of Allegany county, died at the family residence in this village Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, after an extended illness. Mr. Sisson had been in ill health for ten years but had been confined to the house but [only] two months. He took dinner with the family Saturday, but Saturday night was taken suddenly worse and expired as stated above.

Gideon Sisson was born in Friendship September 27, 1820. He was married 60 years ago to the wife [Mary E. Coates Sisson] who survives him. He came to Cuba 19 years ago and this village has since been his home. In politics Mr. Sisson was at the time of the formation of the republican party an adherent of the principles of that party [which was a successor to the Whig party] and attended the first convention which was held at Friendship. He voted for Fremont for President. On the formation of the prohibition party Mr. Sisson joined their ranks and has since voted that ticket. He believed firmly that there were two paths, one right and one wrong[,] and that there should be no compromise with evil. His whole life was consistent with that view. In religion he was a Universalist[,] having formed his views early in life.

Deceased was one of 10 children and the last of his race. He is survived by the widow, Mary E., and the following children: Mrs. Emma V. Smalley, Sue E. Sisson, and B. G. Sisson, of the hardware firm of Sisson & Smalley.

The funeral took place Tuesday at the house, Rev. Blue of Friendship Universalist church officiating. Interment was in Friendship.

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