

[Tillotson, Elijah M.]

E. M. TILLOTSON DIES AT PAVILION

WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND BEST KNOWN RESIDENTS

Son of a Pioneer of That Town and a Charter Member of the Pavilion Grange

Pavilion, June 4.—Elijah M. Tillotson, one of the older and best known residents of Pavilion, died early Thursday morning at his home in this village. His death was not unexpected as he had been gradually failing for several weeks, suffering from heart trouble as the result of the infirmities of age. Until a few weeks ago, Mr. Tillotson was remarkably active for a man of his years and he attended to his own business affairs until almost the last.

Mr. Tillotson was the last of the children of Chauncey and Emily Tillotson, who were among the earlier settlers of Pavilion, coming to that town in 1818, where they took up 126 acres of land on which Elijah lived until 1896, when he removed to Pavilion village, although he owned the farm at the time of his death. Elijah's father served in the war of 1812 and his grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Elijah married Mahala Shumway, of Le Roy, and they had four children, three of whom are living as follows: Mrs. John McWethy, George W. Tillotson and Mrs. Charles Higgins, all of Pavilion, one son Frank A. Tillotson having died a few years ago. Mrs. Tillotson died about two years ago.

Mr. Tillotson was a staunch Democrat and always took much interest in town and county affairs. He was strong in his convictions and a man of good principles. He was a member of the Universalist church and also a charter member of the Pavilion Grange.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Clara Morgan, of Perry, officiating. Six grandsons of the deceased acted as bearers. The services at the Pavilion Center cemetery were conducted under the auspices of the Grange.

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