

[Randolph, Webster B.]

Death of Rev. W. B. Randolph

Rev. W. B. Randolph died on Sunday afternoon at his home near the dugway, after an illness of several weeks from heart and stomach trouble, at the age of 77 years. His remains were taken to Newark, Wayne Co., for burial yesterday. Mr. Randolph was formerly pastor of a Universalist Church in East Bloomfield, New York, near Rochester, but he always considered Newark<sup>1</sup> his home. About four years ago [in 1889] he was married to Miss Margaret J. Landers [daughter of Rev. Stephen P. and Emily Barker Landers], of this place, and soon after took up his residence at the old Landers homestead, where he passed his remaining years in peaceful serenity. He was possessed of a genial disposition and a kindly manner that won for him many friends. On several occasions he has temporarily supplied the pulpit of the Universalist Church in this place, and always with much satisfaction. Besides his wife, the deceased leaves a daughter by a former marriage [Mrs. C. M. Kelley], living in Newark.

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<sup>1</sup> He was also a former pastor of the Universalist Church of the Redeemer in Newark.

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The following sketch of the life work of Rev. Mr. Randolph, whose death was recorded in the COURIER last week, we take from a Newark (N.Y.) paper:

Born in Roxbury, Mass., Mr. Randolph entered the ministry of the Universalist church early in life, serving the denomination faithfully, having regular charges most of the time, until three years ago, when he retired from actual labor and settled in Clinton. During his ministry he served various churches, several of them in large towns. He was pastor of the Newark church in the sixties, when the congregation worshipped in the old church. Before giving up his pastorate here he raised a fund of \$3,500 with which to build the new church, the one now used by the society. Among the other places in which he labored were Woburn, Mass., [and] Medina, Clarendon, North Bloomfield, Conesus, Oswego and Cortland [NY]. For many years he has owned a pleasant home in this village, to which he retired when not engaged in active pastoral work. His first wife, well remembered here, died in 1882, and about four years ago he married a second wife in Clinton, who survives him. He leaves two children, Mrs. C. M. Keller of this village, and B. B. Randolph, editor of the Niagara Falls Press, who was years ago editor of the Newark Courier. Rev. Mr. Randolph has always been a faithful worker in his chosen profession with the church of his choice, and leaves many friends here and in other towns where he has lived.

Mr. Randolph left his library, which was supplemented by his wife from the library of her father (the late Rev. S. P. Landers) in trust for the use of poor young men entering the ministry of the Universalist church.

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