

[Mereness, John M.]

CAPT. JOHN M. MERENESS

Capt. John M. Mereness of Mapletown, died June 19th, aged 90 years and a few months. The deceased was born May 11, 1804 in the town of Sharon, and was married October 23, 1828 to Catherine, daughter of Luke and Elizabeth (Le Grange) Wessels, and located on a farm in the town of Canajoharie, where he resided up to the time of his death. His wife's death occurred seven years ago and in her 80th year, since which time Mr. Mereness has gradually failed, both mentally and physically. Six children survive him, Oscar, James W. and Erwin D. Mereness, Mrs. Hubbs, Mrs. Hiller and Mrs. Kittle. In all that pertains to home, to church and to his calling in life, he bore an honored name. For many years elected to offices of public trust and responsibility, he faithfully performed the duties devolving upon him. In early life he embraced the Universalist faith and steadfastly maintained his views to the end. The funeral obsequies were held at his home, the Rev. Dr. Perry of Fort Plain, officiating at the services. [T]he text for the discourse was given by him to his daughters years previous to his demise, to be used on this occasion. It is not often that one can chronicle so advanced an age with so even an ebb and flow in the river of life; and it was due undoubtedly, in a great degree to the unshaken faith in the boundless love for the infinite, for the finite man.

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