

[Smith, Hope]

TWO FAMOUS LOCALITIES IN THE REGION NORTH OF OLD FORT STANWIX
(excerpt)

These reminiscences are much longer than intended; nevertheless it seems difficult to close them without a brief references to two or three other personages who located near the Roswell Fellows corner. On that road which runs east towards the "covered bridge," lived Hope Smith from 1813 to 1823. He lived on a small place, battling with the stern realities of life and struggling with poverty, trying, with the aid of his dutiful son, to maintain his family, consisting of an unfortunate maniac wife [Rachel] and several dependent children. He had been once in good circumstances, but his misfortunes, with the loss of property, made a sad inroad upon his own memory and understanding. His son Stephen R. [Rensselaer], whilst attending and teaching school and studying for the ministry, was of valuable assistance to the family. He became a talented and noted Universalist minister, and was the founder of the Clinton Liberal Institute [in Clinton].

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