

[Brayton, Jay Jenkins]

REV. BRAYTON PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND
Prominent Universalist Minister for Many Years
Dies at His Home Near Clifton Springs
HIGHLY ESTEEMED CITIZEN

The death of Rev. Jay J. Brayton occurred Thursday morning at his farm house two miles northwest of this village, following an illness of several months. He was the son of Moses and Hannah Brayton and was born April 29, 1829, in the Lake George region, where his early life was passed. After completing his education at Lima he began his ministry at the age of 21 years in the Universalist Church, and from that time until the time of his retirement his parishes had included Clifton Springs, Lawrence, Mass.; South Hingham, Mass.; Jersey City, N.J.; Mohawk, Herkimer, Auburn, Nunda and Friendship, N.Y.

He was a strong independent thinker, self-reliant and self-trained. Several years ago, owing to failing health, he was obliged to give up the ministry, since which time he had resided at the home where his death occurred. In this village in 1853 he was united in marriage to Mary Jane Rockefeller, daughter of William Rockefeller, whose death occurred July 2, 1911.

In 1911 Mr. Brayton penned the following lines for a history of Ontario county and its people which was being published: "Well, it is good to live in this beautiful and bountiful world. It is better than it was when I came into it. There is more love in it, a profounder sense of universal brotherhood, a more sensitive sympathy between the peoples of the earth, and the religious, forgetting their former antagonisms, have become persuaded that not crede, but amo is the true password between human hearts and the only key well fitted to unlock the pearly gates. The world has been good to me like a good father and mother. I have tried to be good to it. We will part good friends."

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. D. S. Wilson, pastor of the local Universalist church. Interment was made in Riverview cemetery in Gypsum, northeast of this village.

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