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EZEKIEL VOSE STEVENS, son of Zaccheus Stevens, and grandson of Rev. Ezekiel Vose, was born at North Turner, November 20, 1859. His father moved to Knox and died when Ezekiel was two years old. Ezekiel was adopted in the family of Essec Fuller, his uncle-in-law, a resident of North Turner. His education was acquired at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and at North Anson Academy; graduated at North Anson in the class of 1884. He read law with Webb & Webb, of Waterville, was admitted to the bar in October, 1887, in Kennebec county, and opened an office at North Turner, March 1, 1888. He has held the office of supervisor of schools for two years, and was census enumerator for Turner in 1890. He is a Universalist, and has been for two years junior and senior deacon of Nezinscot Lodge of F. and A. M. He married Miss Belle Holt, of Bangor, October 1, 1888.

(Georgia Drew Merrill, Editor, *History of Androscoggin County, Maine* (W. A. Fergusson and Co., 1891, Chapter 15, p. 340-1.)



He and his wife are buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Urbana, Champaign Co. IL.

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HERKIMER

—The new pastor of the Universalist church, Rev. Ezekiel Vose Stevens, is expected to arrive here from Lyndonville, Vermont, Thursday of this week and will occupy the pulpit of the church for the opening of his pastorate next Sunday morning. Mr. Stevens with his family, consisting of his wife, son, and daughter, will occupy the Stephen Taylor house on Court street.

The new pastor was born of English Scotch ^[sic] stock in North Turner, Maine, Nov. 20, 1859. He was left an orphan at two years of age but found a home in the family of an aunt and uncle where he was kindly cared for. When old enough he was employed on the farm and later in a carriage factory. He attended district and town schools, was always actively interested in the church and was born and bred a Universalist, his maternal grandfather, for whom he was named, being one of the pioneer Universalist ministers of New England.

Mr. Stevens entered the Maine Wesleyan Seminary at Kent's Hill, Maine, in the fall of 1881, and fitted for college at the North Anson Academy. In 1884 he entered the law office of Webb & Webb in Waterville, Maine, and after three years' study was admitted to practice in 1887. After seven years' law practice he decided to enter the ministry, and took a special course in theology at the Lawrence University, and in 1895 was ordained at Oakland, Maine, where he had a four years' successful pastorate. His church passed highly eulogistic resolutions upon his work at Oakland, saying, in part, "We desire to express our high appreciation of his faithful and efficient labors among us, and can and do warmly recommend him as a valued citizen, Christian gentleman and earnest and devoted minister."

Mr. Stevens has been for three years pastor of the Universalist church at Lyndonville, Vt. The [Christian] Leader, the denominational paper, speaks of his departure from the State in these words: "The departure of Rev. E. V. Stevens from Lyndonville to Herkimer will be a real loss to the work in the State."

Rev. Stevens will receive a very cordial welcome not only from the Universalists but from all our people, who trust his pastorate in Herkimer will be a very successful one.

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REV. EZEKIEL V. STEVENS

Buckfield, Oct. 13—Rev. Ezekiel V. Stevens died at Columbus, O., Tuesday. He was a son of Zachius and Eliza (Vose) Stevens born in Turner, Me., and was 78 years of age.

He leaves the widow and two sons, Eugene Stevens of Buckfield, Wentworth Stevens of Worthington, Ohio, and one daughter, Mrs. Gladys Mark Jr., of Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. Stevens was a well known Universalist minister who entered the ministry over 40 years ago and had held important pastorates in Syracuse [and Herkimer], N.Y., Urbana, Illinois, New Bedford and Saugus, Mass., and at the time of his death was pastor of the First Universalist church of Marlboro, Mass. Mr. Stevens was a member of Nezinscot Lodge of Masons in Turner, Me., 50 years ago and at present is a member of United Brethren Lodge of Marlboro, Turner Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Turner Lodge K. P. and he was president of the New England Horseshoe Association and won the State championship in 1936. He was a member of the Maine Three Quarter Century Club.

He was educated in the Turner public schools, Kents Hill Seminary and Anderson College. He taught school for a time, later studied law and was admitted to the bar in Maine.

He has a sister, Mrs. Anna Hamlin, who is 82 and lives in New Sharon, and a brother, George S. Stevens of Turner. There are three grandchildren.

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