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Henry Clay Ackley

Henry Clay Ackley died in his seventy-eighth year at Hubbardsville, N.Y., Wednesday, May 19, 1920. The funeral will be held from his late residence, at Hubbardsville, tomorrow, Saturday, May 22, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Interment at Waterville. Mr. Ackley had been in failing health for several years and confined to his bed for several months past. During this time he bore his sufferings patiently and with a cheerful fortitude. He was well known in Waterville, having first come here as early as 1862. He was actively engaged in the hop business here for the greater part of the following twenty-five years at the time when Waterville was a leading hop center. He built and lived in for a time one of the first residences erected on Putnam avenue. His wife was a sister of the late Ira D. Brainard of this village.

Mr. Ackley was born on a farm in the eastern part of the town of Hamilton, N.Y., on November 9, 1842, being the son of Joseph K. and Louisa C. Wells Ackley and a grandson of the first white woman to reside in that township. He attended the district school in the neighborhood, the Hamilton Union School and later the Eastman Institute at Rochester. He married on June 7, 1865, Frances C. Brainard. Their only child, a daughter, died at the age of three years. They later adopted two girls, one of whom died and the other is now living at Buffalo. After leaving Waterville, Mr. Ackley retired to his farm at East Hamilton, where he lived until a short time ago, when he sold his farm and moved into the village of Hubbardsville, having purchased there the Adams Brainard homestead.

Mr. Ackley was a life long Republican. He served the town of Hamilton as assessor for two years and as supervisor for seven years. He was also sheriff of Madison county for three years. He was an attendant at the Universalist Church. Mr. Ackley was an excellent business man, progressive and energetic. He came from a family of pioneer farmers and his immediate ancestors were among the early settlers of Hamilton, having migrated from Connecticut. The older residents here will remember his fondness for good horses and the meets that used to be held on the half mile track that he equipped and operated at his East Hamilton farm. He was well read and liberal in his views. In temperament, quiet but determined. He will be remembered by his friends for his kindly nature and hospitality.

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