[Albright, Jacob]

DEATHS.

In Olcott, Niagara co., N.Y., Mr. JACOB ALBRIGHT, of consumption. Father Albright was one of the pioneers of this section. In Turner's History of the Holland Land Purchase, his name is mentioned as one of the few who did not flee these frontier lines during the hostilities of the war of 1812. He was born in Berks co., Pa., Dec. 9th, 1786. At an early age his father removed his family to Canada, and from thence to Seneca co., N.Y., finally settling in Wheatland. [On] March 7th, 1809 he was married to Miss Submit Frost, a most amiable and christian woman, who has been allotted in her advanced life to mourn the loss of her companion. In 1810 Father Albright and his companion, then in the full vigor and flush of early life, settled in this town, where for nearly half a century they have lived in uninterrupted peacehaving been blessed of a kind Providence in shielding them from affliction, raising, with but the loss of an infant son, who are mostly settled in this county. and highly respected... In the place of almost interminable forests, which would have intimidated a weaker will than Father Albright possessed, beautiful orchards, well cultivated farms, enviable residences are now seen on every hand except to the North, where, in grand relief, [Lake] Ontario spreads her "vast expanse" beyond the line of vision. Father A. was unwaveringly honest in all the business relations of life, and earned his large fortune by the sweat of his brow... He was generous with his means in the support of the Gospel. And when the [Universalist] society here determined to make an effort to build a church, he decided the work in the gift of \$1000. This was but one short year ago, in the early stages of that fatal disease which had fastened itself upon him. As the work progressed, he felt great anxiety to live to see it completed. The heavenly Father answered the many prayers, and he lived and had strength to be present at the services of dedication. He now felt ready to be gathered to his Father—and he has gone to the "higher life." On Sunday the 6th an immense concourse assembled, filling every part of the church to its utmost capacity, to pay the last sad offices of love and friendship to him who had been so long and so favorably known. May the full consolation and support of the Gospel be sanctified to our aged Mother in Israel—who within the year past, with four daughters, a son and a grand daughter, knelt at the same time before the altar for baptism—and may all feel the truth of the Beatitudes. "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

R. H. [Royal Henry] Pullman

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