

[Arnold, Elisha]

Elisha Arnold, was born in Rhode Island, in 1778 and came from Rhode Island to Portland town [in 1813]. His occupation was distilling and he followed this business in Westfield until able to secure one of his own. In those days the business was not over-crowded, and he operated his still with profit for a number of years. He married Patience Potter, of Rhode Island, and reared a family of seven sons and five daughters, of whom [their son William H.] is the only one now living. Mr. Arnold was a universalist and affiliated with the whigs. He was learned in the law and was a member of the Constitutional Committee appointed to alter the constitution of the State. He filled several of the local offices in his county and was a prominent man, respected and esteemed. He died in 1841, aged sixty-three years. Mrs. Arnold was a native of Rhode Island. She died in 1854, aged seventy-five years.

Hon. Obed Edson, *Biographical and Portrait Cyclopaedia of Chautauqua County, New York* (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1891), p. 310

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