

[Arnold, Rassellas Lyman]

ARNOLD.—At his residence in Truxton, N.Y. on Saturday, Oct. 4, 1884, Rassellas Arnold, aged 49 years.

Born and reared in the town where he died, Mr. Arnold held a position among farmers and business men as one of the foremost in Cortland county. Widely known and highly esteemed, he had endeared himself to a large circle of friends, as a loving husband, a kind father, a noble and helpful brother, a safe and trustworthy adviser, and a generous and obliging neighbor. Although a large, fleshy man, weighing 250 pounds, Mr. Arnold had been apparently in excellent health for years, and in the habit of diligent labor and healthful outdoor exercise; "temperate in all things," and [a] vigorous and cheerful mind. On the day of his death he had worked as usual in the field, finished the daily routine of chores, and harnessed his horse to take his mother, who was visiting there, to her home in Truxton village, two miles away. He came in to supper, washed and wiped and hung up the towel; and stepping to the back door, immediately fell on the threshold and was to all appearances dead in an instant. His mother saw him fall and hastened to his relief, but says that except a slight gurgling in the throat, she could see no sign of breath or life after she reached him. A physician was called as quick as possible, and all done that could be for revival and restoration; but the decision was death from a sudden and general cessation of the functions of the heart, and that the attack was undoubtedly fatal, and the case utterly hopeless from the first. Thus suddenly, and as 'twere like an electric shock, has a good man gone from among us, and a large and loving social circle is sadly stricken by the loss. A wife and one son are left to mourn his departure, and in their sore affliction they have the deep and heartfelt sympathy of all who knew them. The aged mother, a large family of brothers and sisters [including Kirtland, John, Barbara, Exana, Adelia, Abigail, Elmer, and Joseph], with other relatives and many neighbors, assembled in the house of the deceased on Monday Oct. 6, to join the funeral rites. The service was conducted by Rev. George Adams, of the Universalist church in Cortland. The remains were carried to the cemetery in Tully, where another large congregation of friends and acquaintances had gathered at the grave; and after a short address to these, and a benediction, all that is mortal of brother Rassellas Arnold was consigned to its earthly rest, and his many friends bade the hallowed spot farewell, in the glorious hope of immortality and Eternal Life.

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