

[Austin, Seth]

OBITUARY.

Mr. Seth Austin, one of Buffalo's oldest residents, died at the family residence on Main street yesterday at the advanced age of 90 years. He was one of the sterling stock which made Vermont famous in frontier days, having been born in the western part of that state on November 21, 1796. His father, Seth Austin, was killed while he was still a boy, and he at 6 years of age went to live with relatives at Greenfield, in Saratoga County, this State. Here he grew up and for a number of years carried on an extensive [?] candle and general business. In 1840 he came to Buffalo and engaged for some years in the grocery business near the foot of Main Street. He afterwards devoted his time to the management of a large farm which he owned in the eastern part of the city.

Until within a comparatively few years he had always been very hale and hearty, but his health failed completely at last so that for the past ten years he has been an invalid, suffering so intensely at times that his usually cheerful and affable disposition was almost broken down. He was naturally very lively, fond of a good story, and well knowing how to tell one. His stock of frontier reminiscences never gave out, and his uprightness as well as his lively disposition won him many friends. At the end, death came without a pang, and the patient sufferer passed away as one who falls asleep. He was a prominent member of the Universalist Church when located on Washington Street and of the present Church of the Messiah. He was a former member of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. Austin married at Greenfield, in [1823?], Miss Phebe Medberry, who had emigrated from Rhode Island, coming all the way on horseback when a small child. She died in [1858?]. Of four children born to them, two sons, Dolphus S. and Emmet Austin, survive.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, No. 1190 Main Street, at 3:00 this afternoon. Burial will be in Forest Lawn.

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