

[Austin, William Harrison]

WILLIAM H. AUSTIN

Mr. William Harrison Austin, one of Cowlesville's oldest and most respected citizens, died Oct. 22, 1892, at 6 o'clock a.m. He had long been poorly in health, being able to ride and walk but little for many years. The immediate cause of his death was an acute attack of kidney and liver troubles. For three weeks before his death he was a great sufferer, and though bearing all patiently, the angel of death was a welcome visitor. Mr. Austin was born in Verona, Oneida county, N.Y., Jan. 16, 1816. When but two years old his parents removed to Cowlesville, where he remained until the time of his death. On March 27, 1846, he was married to Miss Hannah Huyck, who has been his devoted wife and helpful companion for nearly half a century. In the earlier years of his life he was employed in farming, and by all who knew him in the social and business relations of life, he was respected for his perseverance and industry, upright in all his dealings, a citizen highly esteemed and who will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife and two sons, George and Frank, who reside in Cowlesville and both of whom were present at his bedside during the last weeks of his life. He is survived also by three sisters, Mrs. M. N. Williams of Cowlesville, Mrs. Noble of Luddington, Mich., and Miss Clarrissa Austin of Cowlesville. The funeral services were held in the Universalist church at 2 o'clock p.m. Oct. 24, Rev. Mr. [Solomon] Shumway from LeRoy officiating. He spoke ably from Matt. 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." The remains were buried in Cowlesville cemetery.

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