

[Baker, Alden Sprague]

Obituary.

The death of Judge ALDEN S. BAKER of Middleport is announced as having occurred Wednesday morning last. The Middleport *Mail* of yesterday has the following:

Alden Sprague Baker was born in Chesterfield, N.H., Nov. 10th, 1798, and was at the time of his death 79 years of age. In 1816 he removed to Baldwinsville, Onondaga county, N.Y., and shortly thereafter went to Oswego. In Oswego he entered the service of Mr. Dalleway, a merchant, as clerk, and afterwards that of Matthew McNair, in the same capacity, and remained with him four or five years. From Oswego he went to Sodus Point, Wayne County, and there engaged in the forwarding business. In 1823 he married, at Sodus Point, Elizabeth Wanton Wicham, who survives him, and in 1824 he came to Middleport as clerk for James Northam, who moved from Lyons to this place. He remained with Mr. Northam a short time, and then became acquainted with Francis B. Lane, who was then a contractor engaged in the building of the Erie canal. Since then, a term of fifty-four years, he has resided in this place. His family consists of eleven children [including James, Andrew, Alden, William, Thomas, Elizabeth, Emily, Angie, and Mary], eight of who survive him. He was the founder of the Universalist Society in this village, having procured the first minister, the Rev. L. S. Everett, who ever preached the doctrine here. He was prominent in the building of the church, contributing liberally of his time and means. He was always public spirited, and foremost in all projects for the public good. He was made Associate Judge of the Niagara County Court by Governor Bouck, and for a great many years held the offices of Justice of Sessions and Justice of the Peace. His work is done and he rests from his labors. The funeral took place from the Universalist Church at Middleport yesterday afternoon at one o'clock.

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