

[Baker, Henry J.]

OBITUARY.

Saturday evening, at his residence in the village of Schuyler Lake, occurred the death of Henry J. Baker, an old and respected citizen of the town. Mr. Baker succumbed to an attack of valvular [sic] disease of the heart, and he was at work on his farm up to a few weeks before his death.

Mr. Baker was born in Pleyden, Sussex county, England, March 31, 1825 and when five years of age came to this country with his father and three sisters and settled in Utica, N.Y. Here H. J. Baker, Sr. worked the carpenter's trade, and his son received his education. He was married in Herkimer, Feb. 9, 1848 to Eliza Parkhurst, daughter of a farmer in Herkimer county. His wife died Nov. 1, 1856 at Osceola, N.Y. Mr. Baker then went to California via the Isthmus of Panama and remained there until 1865, when he returned and engaged in farming for a time. Later he married Angeline M. Duell of Exeter, and they have resided, with the exception of three years, in this town up to the present time.

Mr. Baker has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of cheese, and for years made 100,000 pounds a year. He controlled the Schuyler Lake factory until this spring, when it was rented.

He has a wife, three children, and three grandchildren who survive him. Mrs. Horace Purchase of Oneonta, Mrs. Paul A. Lidell of Oneonta, and Mrs. John A. Jones are his children, and to them he has been a kind father and will be greatly missed.

In politics, Mr. Baker was a Republican ever since the formation of the party. He has held the office of commissioner, assessor and town clerk in Osceola and was at the time of his death one of the assessors for this town. He was a member of the Universalist church and of the Schuyler Lake Lodge of F. & A.M., of which Lodge he has been a trustee for more than 20 years. The funeral was held Tuesday at one o'clock at the house; the Rev. S. W. Ward officiated. The funeral services were conducted by the Masons and a large delegation was present from adjoining villages. Interment in Schuyler Lake cemetery.

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