

[Bartle, James P.]

DEATH OF CO. J. P. BARTLE, OF NEWARK, N.Y.

The death of this good man is felt far and wide. By the loss of a man so widely known, so largely connected with all the interests of business, civil and social life, and so universally respected, weighs heavily upon the community.

He sustained the relation of husband and father for forty years. And by his faithful love, his wisdom, courtesy, and kindness, enshrined himself in the hearts of wife and children.

He was a member of the Universalist Society for twenty-five years, and for many years of the Church, to which he was tenderly attached. While he honored them by an unwavering faith and a noble life that gave him the triumph of the Christian's death, they will realize their loss, when they look at the vacant place in his pew and no longer hear his voice in wise counsel.

He was a member of the Masonic order for fifty years; and to the last, failed nothing in his respect and love for the institution. His attachment is clearly shown by his dying request, that his brethren should take charge of his funeral. Honored among them, he was advanced to high and sacred office; while he returned to the order the power which the good man always confers.

He was for fifty-one years a resident of the town in which he died, and has witnessed and largely aided the growth and prosperity of the village of Newark, which owes its name to his choice. He has seen the erection of each building, the increase of its business; the advance of its children to maturity; the forming of its families and the breaking up of many by death or removal; the success, failures and struggles of its men of trade; and watched the carving of a beautiful village out of the primeval forest.

Known and honored by all his neighbors and friends, he departed at the ripe age of seventy-one years: all his relations to family, church, brotherhood, and citizenship have ended...

The following sketch from his own statement will gratify his numerous friends.

"He was born in the town of Freehold, Green[e] county, N.Y., on the 31st of July, 1791. At the age of 19, with a scanty wardrobe on his shoulder and *one dollar* in money, his only earthly property, he came to the town of Junius, Seneca county, where he labored on a farm for wages. In 1811 he tended Grist Mill, for Captain Henry Fowler. In 1812 he purchased an interest in a Grist and Flouring Mill at Phelps, Ontario Co., took charge of the same until the fall of 1814, when he sold his interest, and the next season purchased a small store of goods at Orleans, Ontario county. In 1817 he took a store in Vienna, and removed his goods to that place. In 1822 he removed to this place, then 'Miller's Basin,' where he established the first store in the place, and was for several years extensively engaged in the produce and merchandising business. In 1822, the name of the village was changed from 'Miller's Basin' to that of Newark, and a post office established, Mr. Bartle being the Post Master, which office he held during the term of 19 years. In 1824, he was supervisor of the town of Lyons; at that time including the territory now comprising Lyons and Arcadia. In 1825 Arcadia was organized as a town, being taken from the west part of Lyons, and Col. Bartle was elected the first Supervisor of that town, which office he held for five successive years. In 1833, he was elected a member of the Legislature for the succeeding year... About the year 1840 he closed up his produce and merchandizing business, and retired to a small farm, in the immediate vicinity of the village, where he resided until the period of his death."

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