

[Bellinger, Christopher]

East Bloomfield, N. Y.—From his late residence, about two miles west of the village, at 2 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, was held the funeral of Christopher Bellinger, who was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the town. By his death, which occurred suddenly last Sunday evening, ties that were dear to many were severed, and the numerous friends of Mr. Bellinger gathered to pay a last tribute to the deceased. Services at the house were as simple as the Universalist ritual can be made. Passages of scripture were read by the Rev. H. J. Orelup, of Bristol. Among the floral pieces were a pillow of carnations and roses; a wreath of white lilacs from Miss Nettie Silvernail; a star of carnations and roses from Mr. and Mrs. Abram Bellinger of Little Falls; a cluster of pink carnations and lilies-of-the-valley with smilax; and a number of potted plants. A male quartette, consisting of A. T. Adams, E. W. Page, C. M. Norton and Woodbury Adams sang two selections. Mr. Bellinger was born at Fall Hill, Herkimer county in 1829. In 1849, he married Christina Walrath of Indian Castle, and of their union six children were born: Mrs. Wheeler H. Bostwick, Mrs. William C. Page, Miss Maggie Bellinger and Miss Gertie Bellinger, all of this place; Moses Bellinger who resides in Mendon; and Hiram Bellinger who resides on the farm here. In 1866, Mr. Bellinger moved to this town and purchased of Henry W. Hamlin the farm known as the old Harris homestead, and under his management the farm was made a model country home. Mr. Bellinger always devoted himself closely to his farming, and enjoyed a reputation for straightforward honesty of purpose in all his transactions. In addition to the children, three brothers survive: Peter L., Abram E., and Joram Bellinger, all residents at Little Falls.

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