

[Bement, Heman D.]

On Sunday, in the rural cemetery on Boughton Hill, in Victor, the sods were turned over the grave where reposed the remains of one long known among the earliest inhabitants of Victor, a citizen that was identified with its early history, who had walked its streets for nearly three score years, from a time beyond the memory of nearly all now living here, a man at whose death could receive no more fitting eulogy than that he had lived an upright, honorable life, true to himself and just to all.

Heman D. Bement was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, March 18, 1799. Twelve years later his parents removed to Broome county, this state, where he remained until January 1820, when, in company with William Ball, (since noted as a physician) they made the journey thence to Victor, and there remained. Since that time, with the exception of some years passed in Orleans county, Mr. Bement has lived in Victor village. During that period he has witnessed great changes, from a few straggling houses the settlement has grown to be a thriving village, families have come and passed on, his companion through that dreary winter travel had long since died, and of all those who then were his associates but four are now living. On Nov. 13, 1825, Mr. Bement married Selecta, daughter of Rufus Dryer, and sister to Wm. C. and Truman Dryer. His death occurred on Thursday evening, Dec. 7. The funeral services took place Sunday from the Universalist Church. His wife and five children, two sons and three daughters, his entire family survive him.

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