

[Benjamin, Ledram H.]

L. H. BENJAMIN

After an illness of a number of months Mr. L. H. Benjamin passed away at the family home about one mile west of the village of Haskinville at 12 o'clock Sunday night, September 13, 1914.

In the spring of 1835 the Benjamin family in company with some other parties came from Otsego county, N.Y., and bought the farm on which the subject of our sketch, a son of Silas and Abigail Benjamin, was born March 19, 1840, and has spent his entire life here with the exception of a few years spent in the village of Rogersville where he was engaged in business. [On] January 18, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Phebe Chase at Rogersville. To them were born five children, Chase and Oliver Benjamin, Mrs. John Briggs, Miss Mabel Benjamin, and one son who died when but a few months of age [in 1883].

The funeral was very largely attended at the house on Wednesday morning September 16, the service being conducted by the Rev. Clara Morgan of the Universalist church at Perry, N.Y. She was also accompanied by her friend [and housemate] Miss Blanchard who did the singing. The burial was made in the family lot in the Haskinville cemetery.

Mr. Benjamin was a man who stood high in the esteem of all god citizens and was of great integrity, always standing for what he thought was right regardless of the cost. He was one of the first men of the town to come square out for Prohibition, has been very persistent in upholding the law and driving evil things out of our community and has always been very public spirited, taking great interest in any movement for the betterment of our country. He was a member of the Universalist church, has served the town a number of times as Supervisor besides holding other offices of trust and honor.

At the time of his death he was a Vice President of the Hornell fair, having attended every year since it started. Although in poor health, he had a desire to attend the fair this year and did go, it seeming to do him no injury, enjoying the trip and came home satisfied, it being the last time that he was away from home.

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