

[Bickford, Azariah]

In the early morning, Wednesday, January 7th, at his residence in the town and near the village of Victor, passed away Azariah Bickford at the advanced age of 84 years. Mr. Bickford was born in the town of Skowegan on the banks of the Kennebec in Maine, May 8, 1796. At the early age of twenty he came to East Bloomfield and in the year 1838 removed to Victor. During all these years of his residence here he has received and maintained the unqualified distinction of being an exemplary citizen, just in all transactions and fearless in the discharge of every duty. In religious matters he was particularly zealous—not in a narrow, selfish spirit, but rather of a broad conservative character, proclaiming by acts of charity and gifts of money the sincerity of his professions. For half a century he was closely identified with the Universalist church and while his health permitted a regular attendant at its services. The Society's becoming edifice in that village, built in 1856, to a large extent reached its completion through his instrumentality. Politically Mr. Bickford was a Democrat of the unflinching, sterling type—a standard that young men delighted to follow. Three times married, he was in December, a year since, left a widower. A large and respectable family have grown up about the old homestead and gone away to fill responsible positions in the world. There are now remaining Lyman, a prominent citizen and extensive manufacturer at Macedon, N.Y.; Homer, at the same place; Marcus, living at Iowa City, Ia.; Harlow, at Belle Plaine, in the same state; Albert, in Chicago, and Frank, who was called home to care for his father. But one daughter remains, Delia, the wife of Hon. Myron H. Peck, of Batavia, N.Y.

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Victor, N.Y.—Died in this place on Wednesday morning, Azariah Bickford, aged 84 years. The funeral services will be held at the Universalist church on Saturday at 12 o'clock noon.

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