

[Bitely, Peter H.]

Death of Peter H. Bitely

Mr. Bitely died at his home in Branchport last Sunday morning aged 87 years. The deceased was born in Moreau, Saratoga county, in 1801, from which place he removed in 1837 to his present home. Mr. Bitely began life as a poor boy, but by activity, perseverance and honesty won success and rose in the esteem of his fellow-men. He possessed remarkable tenacity of purpose and sound business judgment. All his dealings were marked by the strictest integrity. He was a man of large sympathy for his fellow-men and his benefaction to individuals and public institution[s] were wide and liberal. He held himself and his means as the servant of mankind in a consecrated manner. Thus has passed off a vigorous type of manhood, all too rare in every community. Like the oaks, such characters are products of hardy conditions and a century of struggle with the elements. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon in the Universalist church, F. M. [I. M.: Isaac Morgan] Atwood of Canton officiating.

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