

[Blair, Abner B.]

Death of Justice Blair

Abner B. Blair died at his residence, No. 36 Spring street, this afternoon, after a protracted illness [f]or the past six weeks. He was unconscious from Thursday noon until the time of his death, when he passed peacefully away without a struggle. Squire Blair was 86 years of age and was one of the oldest residents of Rome, having lived here about 60 years, excepting a short interval. In 1848 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace and held that office up to the time of his death. He was Rome's first police justice and held that office until the office of recorder was created. Mr. Blair was a good and true citizen, and was respected by all classes. Besides a wife [Adelia Birdsall Blair] he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Frances Haskell, of Verona, and Mrs. John Franzee, of Elbridge.

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Justice Blair's Funeral

The funeral of Abner B. Blair was largely attended at his late residence, No. 36 Spring street, at 2:30 P.M. Sunday. Rev. T. D. [Theodore Dwight] Cook [Universalist] of Utica, preached the funeral discourse. D. B. Prince, M. D. Hollister, Clark Potter, George W. Davis, Giles Hawley and Daniel Hager acted as bearers. The remains were interred in Rome cemetery.

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