

[Blanchard, William Trowbridge]

William Trowbridge Blanchard

Cortland lost another of its older residents Thursday morning when William Trowbridge Blanchard died at his home on Tompkins-st. from hardening of the arteries. He had been in failing health for the past year and for some weeks had been confined to the house where a most devoted family have ministered every possible comfort.

"Trow" Blanchard as he was so well known, was an expert mechanic and for many years conducted a woodworking shop near his residence. He had also been interested in cutting lumber tracts in Solon and Taylor and as a steam engineer had few equals.

Always of a modest, kindly disposition, every acquaintance was a friend.

He was born between Tripoli and Keeney in the town of Cuyler, December 26, 1838, being the eldest son of Jesse M. and Sally Blanchard. In youth he moved with them to a farm west of Freeville in the town of Dryden, returning to Cuyler to marry Sarah Dorlesca Fosmer on Sept. 12, 1861, the ceremony being a double one, performed in Cortland, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Fox of Fabius being the other couple, and immediately locating on a farm west of Freeville. In 1867 he purchased the farm at the city line on Tompkins-st., which has since been his home, for a short time previous having occupied one adjoining.

His wife and three daughters survive: Miss Elnora [Eleanor], who is teaching in Ishpeming, Mich., but who has been home on leave of absence some four months to care for her father; Alma O., who is teaching in Marathon, and Mrs. George Gutchess of Lapeer. The two sisters and a brother also survive, Mrs. J. W. Webster of York, Pa., Mrs. N. J. Parsons of Cortland and James H. Blanchard of Sunbury, Pa. This is the first death in the family of children since that of another sister [Lillie] some fifty years ago.

The funeral will be held at the home Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. W. G. Cortright of the Universalist church will officiate and burial will be in the family lot in the Rural cemetery.

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