

[Blanding, Freeman D.]

FREEMAN D. BLANDING

The many friends of Freeman D. Blanding will be pained to learn of his death which occurred at his home in Stiles, Onondaga County, Thursday, Jan. 31. Deceased was the youngest child of the late Franklin Blanding, of North Brookfield, and was about 50 years of age. For some time he had been afflicted with a disease of the throat and lungs which has finally terminated his useful life. His first wife was a daughter of Winthrop Allen, of Hubbardsville, by whom he had three children: Charles, Cora and Clara. His second wife was Miss VanNess, of Baldwinsville, who with his two young children is left to mourn his demise. Four brothers and two sisters also mourn the departure of a loving brother. They are Jefferson Blanding, of Morris, Ill.; Oscar Blanding, of Hubbardsville; Frank and Adolphus Blanding, of North Brookfield; Mrs. J. L. Beebe, of South Byron, N.Y.; and Mrs. E. Russell, of this village, the last named of whom had the privilege of ministering at her brother's death bed. The deceased was a devout member of the Universalist church, and his funeral was held from his late home Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. A. H. Marshall [Universalist], of Madison, officiating. Thus perishes from the earth one of the noblest natures that ever adorned it. In all the walks of life Mr. Blanding enjoyed the love and perfect confidence of all who knew him. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and in the last election he took a deep and lively interest. By his death his home is made "exceeding sorrowful, even unto death," and his friends and relatives, while deploring his loss, unite in expressions of deepest sympathy for the stricken family.

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