

[Brace, Romeyn Williams]

Romeyn W. Brace of Pioneer Family Dies in 88th Year

Romeyn Williams Bruce [sic], a lifelong and well known resident of Victor passed away at his home on East Main street Saturday April 28, 1934 in his 88th year. Mr. Brace had been ill for several years suffering from an incurable heart trouble which had confined him to his home for three years and four months preceding his death. He was a patient even a cheerful invalid and when able to see his friends they found him a very interesting conversationalist, his reminiscences of his long life here being both informative and entertaining.

Born in Victor November 30, 1846 Mr. Brace was the son of Thomas Beach and Margaret Jackson Brace and a descendant of a family that became identified with Victor in 1793 when his great-grandfather Elisha Brace and family came here from Stockbridge, Mass. The pioneer was accompanied by his father Joseph Brace and his brothers and sisters. Four square miles of land in this town were secured by the family which has been represented here ever since. Major Williams Brace, a son of Elisha and grandfather of Romeyn Williams Brace served in the War of 1812 and remained in military service until 1826 when he resigned his commission and returned to his farms on Brace street.

Romeyn Williams Brace also followed the occupation of farming in this township as the three preceding generations of his family had done. In 1875 his father and he purchased a hardware store in this village later adding farm machinery, and the son continued in business until 1904. He then became a representative of the Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Company of Ohio and followed the occupation of salesman until ill health forced him to retire.

He was married December 11, 1867 to Miss Mary Emeline Alverson who passed away September 21, 1930. During his declining years Mr. Brace was given devoted care by his daughter Mrs. Birdella Brace Longyear who survives him with a son Romeyn T.[Thomas] Brace, also of Victor. Another son Leon W. died December 27, 1906.

Private funeral services at the family home Monday afternoon were conducted by the Rev. Nelson L. Lobdell of the Universalist faith with which Mr. Brace and his family have for generations been affiliated. Burial was made in the Boughton Hill cemetery.

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