

[Brandow, John Werdon]

JOHN W. BRANDOW PASSES.

A feeling of sorrow pervades Van Hornesville, for one of its best known and best loved residents, in the person of John Werdon Brandow, has joined the silent majority. His death occurred Thursday, Jan. 30, at the home of his only son, Ralph, in Herkimer. Mr. Brandow was ailing in health early in the Winter, and he decided to go to the home of his son to spend the remainder of the Winter. He was able to be about the son's home and entered into the social activities of the household even as late as Wednesday night. Thursday morning he said he felt fairly well, but while the son was absent from the father's room for a few minutes the venerable man passed away. His death was characteristic of his life—peaceful and with perfect resignation to the Divine order.

Mr. Brandow was born on the Brandow homestead farm in the town of Springfield, south of Van Hornesville, in 1842 and was therefore in his 85th year. His parents were the late John W. and Catherine Conine Brandow. He remained on the farm until he reached the age of young manhood and then took up his residence in Jordanville, where he was engaged in business for many years. Over 15 years ago he went to Van Hornesville to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Ida Young, and to take the active management of the properties of his distinguished nephew, Hon. Owen D. Young, to whom he was indeed the beloved Uncle John, with all the depth of affection and loving kinship that the term implies. Between the two there was that feeling of confidence and reliance on each other's judgment that was most beautiful and wholesome. Mr. Brandow acted as Mr. Young's representative in Van Hornesville in the work of building the new school and all the past Summer acted in the same capacity in the construction of the teachers' home. It was with much reluctance that Mr. Brandow was compelled to relinquish the work a few weeks ago on account of his health.

In 1867 deceased married Maria Van Horne, a member of an old family closely identified with the history of that section. She died in 1915, and there survive the son named, two daughters, Mrs. Lena Loveland of Herkimer and Mrs. W. I. Taber of Utica; two grandchildren, John Worden Ellwood of New York and Miss Fernabelle Brandow, a teacher in the Saugerties, N. Y. high school; one sister, Mrs. Ida Young, and two brothers, Alfred of Van Hornesville and Leroy of Fort Plain.

A prayer service was held at the son [sic] at 10:30 Saturday, and the body taken to Van Hornesville for the funeral in the afternoon at the Methodist Church, Rev. W. H. Skeels of the Universalist Church at Herkimer officiating and burial was made in the Van Hornesville Cemetery.

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