

[Bronson, William R.]

WILLIAM R. BRONSON DIES AT MIDDLEPORT
94-Year-Old Native of County Often Recalled Pioneer Days

MIDDLEPORT, Nov. 10—William R. Bronson, 94, died Saturday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harriet Healand, State Street.

He is survived by a son, Edward Bronson, and two grandchildren, of Rochester, and the sister mentioned.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the late home with burial in Hartland Central cemetery. The Rev. Donald K. Evans, of the First Universalist church, officiated.

Mr. Bronson was born at County Line Corners on the Ridge, and had spent nearly his entire life in the vicinity. Before coming to Middleport about six years ago to make his home with his sister he had a farm home on the Ridge Road.

Mr. Bronson has been very active until a few weeks ago. He made his daily visit to the business section of the village and oftentimes in his conversation he related transactions of his early days.

He often told of the time he made his first canal trip from Cayuga county 88 years ago, remembering well the boat.

Mr. Bronson first lived upon the Ridge Road and his father cleared the wood, built the home, and planted crops upon the virgin soil. Wolves were common and Bronson told how he remembered his mother watching and protecting him.

In politics he was a Democrat and when Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt made his trip through here in July, 1929, Mr. Bronson was at the boat to meet him.

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