

[Brown, George Lawton]

GEORGE L. BROWN  
Aged and Respected Resident of Clinton Dies In New York

Clinton, Jan. 22.—George Lawton Brown, a well known resident of this village, died on Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Catherine E. Dunlap, in New York City. Mr. Brown was born in Carlisle, Schoharie county, N. Y., Jan. 18, 1824. He was brought up there as a farmer and lived in Schoharie county until 1851. Then he went to Plymouth, Chenango county, where he was engaged in farming for 17 years. In 1868 he came to Clinton, where he lived on Elm street. Here he was engaged for a long time as a dealer in groceries, spices, fish and vegetables. He followed this business quite successfully until 1880 when he retired. He had served as assessor of the town of Kirkland.

The death of Mr. Brown removes one who was directly connected with the early life of the country. Descended from Rhode Island sea captains, his grandfather, John Brown, removed with his 13 children to New York state immediately after the Revolutionary war, settling on the great western turnpike at Carlisle. His [George's] father, Henry Marcus Brown, returned to New England to marry Nabby Carew of Norwich Town, Conn., daughter of Eliphalet Carew, a soldier of Lexington, and Mary Huntington, also of Norwich Town. George Lawton Brown was the seventh child of this union. At the age of 21 he married Catherine Thrall by whom he had four children. His second wife was Adeline Mary Wild, to whom three children were born. In 1861, Mr. Brown entered the Meadville [Unitarian] Theological Seminary and was ordained to the ministry of the Church of Christ's Disciples. He was attracted to Clinton by the Clinton Liberal Institute and the White Seminary [both Universalist institutions], then in flourishing condition. He was a devoted member of the Universalist Church, although in no way sectarian, and finding the greatest pleasure in the Christian fellowship accorded him by the churches of Clinton. Always thoughtful, his chief interest in life was the subject of reform of religious creeds, in abolition and more recently in the cause of temperance. For many years he had been identified with the Prohibition party. What seemed to him the greatest danger to society is the lack of understanding between its different classes, and he felt himself peculiarly fitted to be the friend of all conditions. He had suffered for many years from a form of heart disease which became acute three years ago, and slowly exhausted a constitution of rare soundness. He leaves one brother, John Eliphalet Brown of Carlisle, who is two years his senior; one son, Joseph H. Brown of this town, and four daughters, Mrs. T. C. Pettengill of Tribes Hill and Mrs. Catherine Dunlap, Mrs. Susan B. Clarke and Adeline E. Brown of New York. He also leaves seven grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

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