

[Joseph S. Burnham]

Joseph Burnham was born in Middletown, Conn., January 7, 1787, and came to the town of Leyden at the age of fifteen, where he remained until the year 1808. In that year he went south, traveling through Virginia and North Carolina as a dealer in tinware, and there remained until the breaking out of the War of 1812, when he returned to Leyden and was drafted and furnished a substitute. In 1814, he went into trade in the old house situated on the farm now owned by Noah C. Brooks, and was for seventeen years a merchant in the town of Leyden. On the 10th of July, 1814, he was married to Eliza Rice, and settled on the farm now owned by Joseph S., where he remained until his death, which occurred May 22, 1864. He was for a number of years Supervisor and Loan Commissioner. He was a member of the Universalist church, and was regarded as a man of sound and liberal views. His wife, Eliza, who was born March 4, 1788, died December 21, 1865. Their children were: Louisa, born April 12, 1815, married Orrin Hutchinson, and settled in New York; Juliet, born September 23, 1817, married Dr. Charles N. Bass, and is now a widow in Boonville, N. Y.; Joseph S., the third child, was born in Leyden October 6, 1825. He was born in the house in which he now lives, and received his education in the common schools and at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. On the 4th of June, 1867, he married Elvira S. Brooks, daughter of Matthew T. Brooks, of Leyden, who was born April 29, 1834. Their children were: Eliza M., born November 22, 1869; Frederic C. J., born June 4, 1871.

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