

[Burton, Simon]

Simon Burton was born at Sutton, Massachusetts, November 19, 1769, and came to Chautauqua county soon after the close of our second war with England, in which, with four of his sons, he gallantly served his country. Although he was a millwright, he bought a farm and followed these occupations in conjunction with each other until he died in 1842, in the town of Portland. Simon Burton was possessed of an education and intellect far above the average of his day. He was a prominent Universalist, and enjoyed the distinction of being editor of the church paper called Gospel Advocate. In politics he favored the Whig party and gave them such assistance in their campaigns as he could. He married Margaret French and reared a family of seven sons and three daughters. Two of the former lost their lives in the war mentioned above.

Hon. Obed Edson, *Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Chautauqua County, New York* (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1891), p. 387

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