

[Cooley, Asa]

(Deaths.) At his residence in Rodman, N.Y., March 1, Mr. ASA COOLEY, in the 81st year of his age. The subject of the above notice was born Jan. 29, 1774, in the town of Somers, Conn. His father's family removed a few years after into the State of Vermont, where he resided until 1807, when the deceased removed to Rodman, Jeff. co., N.Y., then a wild inhospitable wilderness. From Vermont to Rodman he moved, with his family, with a team of four oxen, having borrowed money for the journey. He took a contract of forty acres of land, on which he soon erected a log house; he lived on the same till the day of his death. Seventeen years ago last Dec. he had a paralytic stroke, which deprived him of the use of one leg and arm. The deceased had a family of six children: three sons and four daughters—four are now living. He had 29 grand-children and 21 great grand-children. The deceased furnishes a bright example of what well directed industry, combined with economy, will accomplish. He commenced the world in a new country, poor but undismayed, with a stout heart and ready hand, by peaceful labor, he accumulated a handsome fortune. For forty years he was ever found at his post when the morning called.. He never wasted his time at the tavern, or his money for rum or cigars. As a man, he was honest and trust-worthy.. Though scrupulously exact in his deal, still he was charitable towards the unfortunate, when industry and sobriety commended them to his favor... As a neighbor, husband and father he was highly respected and beloved. In faith he was a Universalist, and always attended on the ministry of the word whenever opportunity presented... A few days before he died, he selected the text of Scripture, and named the clergyman to preach his funeral discourse. Text—Rom. v., 17-18. The consolations of the Gospel were administered to a large circle of sympathizing friends, neighbors and relatives, by the Rev. J.[John] H. Stuart [Stewart], on the 4th of March.

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