

[Darby, Alonzo Judson]

SCHUYLER LAKE

Again do we mourn the death of one of our good citizens, Alonzo Judson Darby, which occurred at his home in this village Saturday morning, Jan. 16. Mr. Darby was a son of Daniel and Lydia Maria Brown Darby, and was born in the town of Burlington Jan. 20, 1839. In the early sixties he and his brother bought the farm on Pigeon Hill, where his daughter now lives, which they paid for by incessant toil and strict economy. [On] March 23, 1880, he was united in marriage with Miss Lillian E. Coleman, and in 1883 they moved from the farm to the house he had built in this village, and he has engaged in speculation, buying and selling furs, hides, wool, ginseng, etc., and those with whom he had dealings will testify to his honorable methods. He was an indefatigable worker, his energy often exceeding his strength. He had not been well of late, but last Tuesday drove through the storm to the cemetery at Burlington for the burial of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Helen Coleman. After his return he shoveled snow, and was taken with a severe hemorrhage, from which he continued to suffer. He was attended by Drs. Frink and Ward of Richfield Springs, and Friday Geo. Maclaren, a trained nurse from Rome, took charge of the case.

Mr. Darby was a good man, living up to his convictions of what was right without ostentation; and having a supreme contempt of anything that savored of cant or hypocrisy, and those who knew him well can best appreciate the worth of his character. He leaves to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father, his wife and two daughters, Mrs. D. C. [Grace] Williams of Pigeon Hill and Cecile, a school girl living at home. He also leaves one brother, Rufus Darby, and three sisters, Julia Darby of Oneonta, Mrs. Mary Van Court of Burlington and Mrs. Burleigh [Caroline] Griffin of Cooperstown; also numerous nephews and nieces, among them L. E. Darby of Milford. The funeral was held from the late home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. L. [Lewis] H. Robinson [Universalist] speaking words of comfort to the sorrowing friends. The body was placed in the vault and will later be interred in the village cemetery. Notwithstanding the condition of the roads the funeral was largely attended, friends being present from Binghamton, Burlington Flats, Exeter, Milford, Cooperstown, Burlington and other places.

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