

[Dewey, Edmund B.]

Death of Col. E. B. Dewey

On Sunday morning Col. Edmund B. Dewey, one of our oldest and most respected citizens, died at his residence in this village, aged 94 years, 5 months and 8 days. Mr. Dewey was born in the town of Manchester, on the farm now owned by Gilbert Vandevort, and with the exception of a few years, when he was keeper of the county house, he has always resided in this town. Of a family of nine brothers and sisters only one survives, Mrs. Olive Baggerly, of Panama, Wayne County. At the age of twenty-one he married Miss Sarah Cooper, and together they enjoyed life for about fifty-five years. Twelve children were born to them, but only four are now living, viz: Mrs. Anna Baker, of Adrian, Mich.; Jedediah G. Dewey, of Kansas; Mrs. Sarah Coons, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Roxana Wilder, of Oakland, Cal. A few years since the deceased had the unusual experience of sitting at a dinner table with persons representing five generations, of which he was the great-great-grandfather. In 1878 he married for his second wife Mrs. Fannie Vanderhoof, who still survives him. In his younger days Mr. Dewey was a Democrat, but at the first election of President Lincoln he voted the Republican ticket, and since which time he has voted with the latter party. In his boyhood he united with the Baptist Church in Manchester and remained a member of the same until he joined the Masonic fraternity, when he was dismissed from the church, on account of a rule of the church that no member should join a secret society. He afterward became a member of the Universalist Church in this village, where he was a constant attendant and always gave liberally of his means to the support of the church. One June 2d he attended church for the last time. It being his 94th birthday anniversary the Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton conducted services appropriate for the occasion. He received the title of Colonel by service in the militia of the state.

The funeral services were quite largely attended at the Universalist Church on Wednesday forenoon, the following named clergymen taking part in the same: Rev. Dr. Asa Saxe, of Rochester, Rev. J. J. Brayton and rev. Walter Knight. The interment was made in the Cooper cemetery near Palmyra.

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