

## [Dickinson, Emilius O.]

### Death of Mr. E. O. Dickinson

The death of Mr. E. O. Dickinson occurred on Wednesday morning at 2 a.m. He was a widely known and influential citizen of Nunda for forty years. About seven years ago he had a stroke of paralysis and although he has been about much of the time since, his health has been gradually failing and for the past year he has been feeble.

In the history of Livingston county published by Mason & Co., appears the following biographical sketch of the deceased:

"Emilius O. Dickinson was born in Oneida county, N.Y., August 30, 1818, and is the son of Wm. and Lois Dickinson. At the age of 18 he commenced droving between Oneida county and Boston and for a few years has been shipping cattle from the west to New York. When 20 years of age [he] purchased a farm of 80 acres in Oneida county at \$25 per acre. In 1849 he went to Davenport, Iowa, and engaged in the lumber business, but remaining there only a short time, returned to New York State and settled in Nunda. [On] November 10, 1850, he was married to Lydia, daughter of Thomas and Elvira Starkweather, of Nunda. He was elected supervisor in 1861-62 and also in 1874-75. On his farm which consists of 235 acres, situated one-half mile east of the village, there is a mineral spring which has been analyzed and found to possess great medicinal qualities. (This is the spring which he deeded to the town which has been noticed in the News.) Mr. Dickinson was very instrumental in securing for Nunda its free Union School. He was a Republican until after the death of Lincoln and then not agreeing with his party became a Democrat. He has four children as follows: Nellie M., Allie J., Mattie E. and Neva L. His place is one of the finest in the county, being almost unequalled as regards its handsome and commodious buildings."

The family of Mr. Dickinson were all with him at the time of his death, his oldest daughter, Mrs. Dr. [H. S.] [Nellie] Baker, of Bradford having been telegraphed for on Tuesday morning as it was noted then, he was rapidly failing. His second daughter, Mrs. McArthur arrived home a few days previous and all that his devoted wife and children could do to alleviate his sufferings were bestowed and it was a satisfaction to know that his last hours were painless and that he passed peacefully and quietly to the life beyond.

As stated in the biographical sketch, Mr. Dickinson took great interest in the establishment of the Nunda Union School which has proved to be a great advantage to this community. In all public enterprises he gave his influence and encouragement and as a business man and citizen maintained a good standing for honor and integrity. With his family he was [a] member of the

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first Universalist Society of Nunda and it so happened the last pastor of this society, Rev. I. P. Coddington, of Boston, was here and called upon him the day before his death. Mr. Dickinson recognized him and expressed his pleasure at seeing him. Mr. Coddington officiates at the funeral services which are being held from the residence this Friday afternoon.

The honorary bearers are Messrs. Lyman Ayrault, Alonzo Baker, F. U. Davidson, B. P. Richmond, Pete Townsend, Whitcomb Pike, M. J. Eldridge, F. D. Lake, R. J. Balty, L. B. Warner, Edwin Lake, D. C. Grunder.

The active bearers are Messrs. J. E. Mills, E. W. Packard, C. L. Gilbert, F. P. Thomas, W. Willard, H. Peck.

The burial will take place at Oakwood cemetery where Mr. Dickinson selected a lot and erected a family monument last year.

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