

[Dike, Ezra B.]

EZRA B. DIKE, 91, DIES AT WINTHROP
Pneumonia Fatal to One of Winthrop's Oldest Residents

Winthrop, Jan. 13—Ezra B. Dike, 91, Civil war veteran, died Friday noon at his home after a week's illness. Saturday morning he felt badly and pneumonia soon developed. Hopes were entertained for his recovery until Thursday.

After prayer in the home by Rev. J. T. Ruston, the service was conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday by Prof. H. P. Morrell of Canton, in the Universalist church. Interment was at Jenkins Neighborhood.

Mr. Dike, a son of Theron and Rebecca Bunker Dike, was born April 1, 1840, in Huntington, Vt., near a little neighbor girl, Ellen Ring, who grew up with him, attending the same school. When of age, these two were married and came to Stockholm Depot, now Winthrop, on the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain railroad built but a few years before. They bought a farm just off the Winthrop-Massena road, near Jenkins corners, where their only child, Mrs. H. C. [Louise] Ellis, was born.

While Mr. Dike cleared the stumps on their farm and plowed with only oxen to help him, doing all the mowing with a scythe and snath—inside the home Mrs. Dike spun all the wool from their sheep, made the candles, butter, sausage and the soap.

He and his brother, Edwin, who did not return, went to war in 1863 where his work was in the engineering department, constructing pontoon bridges and throwing up breastworks. Their daughter married Archie Ellis and after a few years the four bought and moved to the present brick home near the Universalist church which they attended.

Mrs. Dike died in 1900. In 1902 Mr. Dike married Miss Abbie Sinclair of Essex Junction, Vt., where he lived until her death in 1908, then returning to Winthrop. Mr. Ellis died in 1914 and Mr. Dike and his daughter have continued living in the home together.

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