

[Dobson, William]

HENDERSON

—Wm. Dobson died April 2, 1884, at the age of 69 years, 2 months and 23 days. He was born in Henderson of good old English stock, where he has<sup>1</sup> always lived, and died. Mr. Dobson has always been one of the best and noblest men that Henderson ever produced, and one that any community would feel proud of. Ever since his boyhood days Mr. Dobson has shown a noble character, been very benevolent, a kind husband and indulgent father. His consels [sic] and advice has been sought after by all, his townsmen have looked to him for advice in affairs of the town and county, he has five or six times been elected supervisor of the town and held various positions of trust and honor. The people had confidence in his ability and integrity. In early life he was married to Mary Jane Moody, with whom he lived until death took her from his embrace, leaving one daughter with himself to mourn her loss. The daughter, now the wife of P. F. Thompson, is all that is left of the once pleasant family. Since the demise of his wife he has lived on his farm with his sister, Elizabeth, who has assisted in looking after his interests. Mr. Dobson was a man of means and was found always at the front when any matters came up that was an interest to the town. He had a large heart and well balanced mind. For the last few years he has suffered from a valvular disease of the heart. On the 29th day of March he had an attack of peritonitis which soon proved fatal. His funeral was held at his late residence. Truly a good man has fallen and passed to his reward. He leaves a host of friends who mourn his loss.

SCALPEL 2ND

Obituary.—In Henderson on the 2nd of April, died Mr. Wm. Dobson. His illness was very short, but exceedingly severe, and his death is a shock from which the people of Henderson will not soon recover. The father of Mr. Dobson came to this country from Abergavenny, Monmonthshire, Eng., and settled first in Redfield, in this state. He afterward moved to Henderson and built a log house, in which the late Mr. Dobson was born. He afterward built the stone house in which Mr. Thomas Dobson now lives and where four children were born to him. His oldest son, Mr. John Dobson, now living in Henderson, was born in Redfield. There were in the family six children, of which Mr. John Dobson, the oldest, is seventy-two, and Miss Elizabeth Dobson, the youngest, is fifty-nine years of age. Of these six children Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> There are a number of instances in this notice where the writer made incorrect used of the present tense.

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Dobson has been the first to die. He was sixty-nine years old and until within a short time of his death and had always been in very good health.

The loss of Mr. Dobson will be keenly felt by a large number of people. As a citizen he had been of great value to his native town, having filled with much credit to himself various offices of honor and trust.

In his private capacity, he was much valued and many will lose in him a true friend and one whom they cannot well be without. Even now the question is asked by many, "What shall we do without him?" In his church his loss will be greatly felt.

He had always been an active Universalist, not only in name but also in spirit, and in his daily life. He continually showed that "believers ought to be careful to maintain order and practice good works for such things are good and profitable unto men." His loss will be most keenly felt by his daughter, Mrs. Thompson, and his sister, Miss Dobson, and can only be supplied to them by that other comforter which the world cannot give. But while we deeply feel his loss, yet we see in his life much which will do us good. Let every young man seeing what he was, and how he made himself so, seek to so live and grow as to take that place now vacant and so hard to fill. Many would never wonder why he has a monument, but rather why he has not.

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