

[Edgerly, Nelson]

Died Sunday night in His 93rd Year

Nelson Edgerly, aged 93 years, died at 11 o'clock Sunday night, at his home in Short street. Mr. Edgerly's parents were Joseph and Margaret Bachelder Edgerly, and they came to the Genesee country in 1815, from Dansville, Vt. Settling at Edgerly's Corners, now known as La Grange, in Covington township, Joseph Edgerly built a log house and also brought with him a stock of goods drawn by two teams of oxen. As soon as he could he began making potash which was taken to Albany, and more goods were brought back. The son, Nelson, was born on February 11, 1817, and was the first white child born in the town.

When he was three years old his parents came to Perry village which on account of its water power had begun to grow rapidly, and opened a general store. Nelson went to the old district school in the building which now stands on the corner of Lake and Short streets within sight of the house where he died. He obtained a good education and when fourteen years old became an apprentice to a master carpenter, learning the trade thoroughly. He was also an expert millwright and cabinet maker and for several years conducted a furniture and undertaking store until 1860.

When it was decided to build the old Perry Academy in 1855 Mr. Edgerly contributed liberally toward the fund for its erection.

After retiring from the furniture business he became a traveling salesman for the Perry Woolen Mills, and a few years later he entered the employ of the late George Tomlinson, proprietor of the Silver Lake Flouring Mills and continued on the road until 1897.

Mr. Edgerly was one of a family of nine brothers and sisters, all of whom were prominent in the days of the pioneer activities of this section and he was the last survivor. On October 12, 1842, he married Emily K. Mapes of Angelica, and for fifty-five years their married was spent in this village. Mrs. Edgerly died in 1897. To them one daughter was born, Mrs. Eva Sherwin, who died October 18, 1909. Mr. Edgerly was a member of the first Masonic lodge organized in Perry, which disbanded along in the forties and after the installation of Constellation Lodge, he became a member of that body, resigning a few years ago. While not a member of any church, he believed in the faith of the Universalists.

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