

[Elphick, James]

Death of James Elphick.

After a residence of over half a century in the town of Kirkland, leaving a spotless record as an industrious man of sturdy integrity, true to the best interests of society, our highly estimable neighbor and citizen, James Elphick, passed away quietly at his late residence on Utica street, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 24th, 1889, in his 82nd year, the immediate cause of his death being pneumonia, from which he suffered about one week.

The writer's acquaintance with him measures nearly fifty years, and never in that period has there been heard of him anything but good concerning his relations with his fellow citizens, or as an exemplar of kindness, also in his home as husband and father.

James Elphick was born June 5, 1808, in Battle, Sussex Co. Eng., sailed from Rye, April 12, 1830, in company with a brother [Charles], who is still living in Poolville, Madison county. After spending a short time in Schenectady and Saratoga counties, they came to Clinton. In 1835 James returned to England on a visit, came back the following year, settled in Clinton and became an American citizen. Clinton and vicinity continued to be his home with the exception of the period between 1839 and 1843, when he owned a farm in Brookville, Madison county.

The deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Goodfellow and Miss Grace Elphick, who lived at home with her father. Mrs. Elphick died several years ago.

His funeral was numerously attended this morning at ten o'clock, the exercises being conducted by Rev. G. W. Raeburn [Universalist]. The remains were buried in the cemetery on the West hills.

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