

[Emerson, J. Marcus]

Obituary.

The late illness and sudden demise of J. M. Emerson of Riga is generally known to his former acquaintances and friends. His death occurred on Sunday morning, the 8th of August last. He had been prostrated for about a month with an attack of pleurisy, but was supposed [believed] to be in a convalescent state, when a sudden congestion in the left lung terminated his life. An autopsy was performed by Drs. Whitbeck, Townsend and Craig, and the above conclusion reached by the physicians. The deceased was in the 65th year of his age, and was born and had always resided in the town of Riga. He was well and widely known in his own section, and respected for his uprightness and integrity. He was a man of liberal and enlightened views. Reared and experienced as a practical farmer, he passed a contented and useful life in his vocation and left behind him a substantial monument to his capacity and industry, one of the best cultivated and best improved farms in the town. At the time of his demise he was Town Assessor, a position which he had held for nearly fifteen years, and which his fellow townsmen were well pleased to award him, for his practical judgment in matters related to the value of farming property was conceded to be unexcelled. His marriage occurred in October, 1841, with Miss Emily Warren, who now survives him, together with a son [George] and daughter [Emily]. The deceased was an enthusiastic musician, and many of the older residents of this and the adjoining counties of Genesee and Orleans will well remember his efforts in his younger days for the improvement and culture in singing. The Rev. E. [Eleazer] Hathaway [Universalist] of Middleboro officiated at the funeral services. A large concourse of people followed the remains to their final resting place, and all felt the warmest sympathy for the unhappy wife, son and daughter, who justly mourned at the unfortunate stroke which had thus cut short a life in the full vigor of maturity and manhood.

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