

[Ferris, Charles Thacher]

Death of Charles T. Ferris

*The Record of a Long and Always Busy Life.*

Another of Auburn's old and most esteemed citizens joined the silent majority this morning, Charles T. Ferris passing away at 6:30, of consumption which had been his constant enemy for forty years or more.

Mr. Ferris was born in Ira, this county, July 18th, 1819 and hence was nearly sixty-four years of age. He lived with parents until his 17th year when he took up a position as assistant to the postmaster at Sterling, where he attended to the office and had charge of the books in the store of the postmaster. From Sterling he went to Cato, where he worked in a general store, afterward clerking in the dry goods store of the late Dexter E. Havens of Weedsport. About 1840 he accepted a position as salesman in the dry goods house of Woodruff & Murphy, which was at that time the largest in the city, and was kept [located] where J. W. Rice is now. Mr. Ferris was at one time connected with the late James Seymour in hardware business and in 1848 he was part proprietor of the Auburn Daily Advertiser. He built the two east stores in the "Iron Collonado" block, one of which he at one time occupied as hardware store in partnership with Luman Barnes.

He was a successful farmer for eight or ten years in Aurelius, having gone there partly on account of ill health, consumption at that time preying upon him. Latterly and for the past ten years he has been engaged in the hide and wool business in his city, and always his naturally busy instinct has combatted the lassitude natural to the disease which had fixed itself upon him. His wife was Jane Underwood, a daughter of Amos Underwood, who died some ten years ago [in 1870].

Mr. Ferris was one of eleven children of whom only thee survive: Harvey A. Ferris of Ira, James J. Ferris of this city and George Ferris of Hillsdale county, Michigan. Mr. Ferris leaves four daughters, Misses Julia and Belle Ferris of this city, Mrs. John G. [Mary] Hosmer who resides in Aurelius and Mrs. [Clara, wife of Lorin] Scott of Bridgewater, Madison county.

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The funeral of Charles T. Ferris occurred from the residence, this afternoon, under direction of J. K. Tallman. Rev. Dr. Richmond Fisk, of Syracuse [Universalist], officiated.

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