[Frost, James]

(From A Memorial Held in the Sunday Schools Rooms of the St. Paul's Universalist Church, Victor, N.Y., June 30th, 1895)

James Frost [Author's name is illegible.]

James Frost was born Sept. 14, 1794 at Madison, Madison county, N.Y. He was married to Luna (DeMott?) Jan. 17, 1814. They lived at Farmington and at Batavia before they came to Victor. They had five children, three sons and two daughters, only one of whom [James A. Frost] is living.

As a man and citizen he was honest and upright in all his dealings. He was a strictly temperate man. We know at one time he was a Baptist, because (among?) some old papers was found part of a letter from the First Baptist Church of Christ of Batavia recommending James and Luna Frost to "any other church of our faith." But by his own thought and study of the Bible he changed himself from a Baptist to a Universalist. He had a testament which he would carry with him to his work, and he has been known to leave his team in the lot and come to the house and get his Bible and study out some question that puzzled him. He always had a passage of scripture to prove what he said.

He died at the age of 68 years. I give a few words from the Rev. Mr. [George W.] Montgomery, who knew him.

"His death was sudden and unexpected and was probably caused by heart complaint. He was a christian man and therefore stood high in the esteem of all classes. His death was deeply felt, not only by the community, but by the church and society of which he was an honored member. He loved the house of prayer, temple of worship, and designated to the praise of God. His faith in God a universal grace was clear and strong, based on a thorough knowledge of the scriptures. The Bible was a treasure to him and his heart was bound up in it. He had no fear of death. He said to a friend that his death would be sudden. But the thought brought no terror. He was ready. He felt that to die was to go home. So he passed away loved and revered."

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