

[Gould, William]

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GOULD, William Dake (or Deake) 16th Regiment, Albany County. Migrated to Nunda in 1816 and his family was the second to live in the present village—in a log cabin somewhere across the street from the Union Block. He attracted much attention because he continued to wear his Continental uniform and had long braided hair. He was a charter member of the Universalist Church and when he died Nov. 24, 1842, at the age of 88, his obituary appeared in a Universalist magazine published at Utica*. His wife was Abigail Cottrell and they had seven children. He was buried on his son Levi's lot in Oakwood Cemetery somewhere near the Richmond-Whitcomb vault in the so-called "Old Cemetery," but no marker was placed on his grave.

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*In Nunda, November 24th, Mr. WM. GOULD, aged 88 years. In the death of Mr. Gould, [his] companion has lost a partner with whom she had lived fifty years. But she mourns not her loss, without hope of meeting the departed in a brighter and better world. Seven children have also been called to weep over the departure of an aged and respected father. Mr. Gould lived in the days that "tried men's souls," and took an active part in the struggle for our national independence. His was also the second family that settled in this now thriving village. He had long ben a believer in the restitution, and maintained his confidence in the unfailing mercy of God, while he could express his feelings on the subject. For the last year of two, he had been mostly confined to the house. But wherever he had an opportunity, he expressed to the writer his earnest desire for the prosperity of our common cause. On the occasion of his funeral, a discourse was delivered to the mourning relatives and sympathising friends, by

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Evangelical Magazine & Gospel Advocate, Utica NY, 30 Dec 1842