

[Harris, Varnum H.]

VARNUM H. HARRIS

Newport, Jan 29—Varnum H. Harris died Monday night at his home in this village less than 24 hours after the death of his wife, to whom he had been married 73 years last Thursday. He had been ill since September and took a sudden turn for the worse shortly after his wife's passing. A double funeral will be held from the home at 2 p.m. Thursday.

He was born in Fairfield May 16, 1837, and has always resided in or near Newport. After leaving the common schools near his home he engaged in farming, which he followed successfully for many years. In politics he was a republican and held many responsible positions, including president of the old Newport Town Fair Association, president of Village Board and Board of Education, town assessor, highway commissioner, town auditor, auditor of the Herkimer county Grange Insurance Company and salesman for the White Creek Cheese Company.

He married Miss Jennie M. Coffin in North Gage January 24, 1856, and in recent years their wedding anniversaries were marked by large family gatherings. He was a member of the Universalist Church and of Newport Lodge 455, F. & A.M. Masonic Rites will be conducted at his home Thursday with Charles L. Fellows, post master, officiating. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Anna Mather, and three sons, Myron, Sherman B., and Morgan C., all of Newport.

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