

[Hatch, Silas]

SWALE

Silas Hatch<sup>1</sup>, an old resident of Canisteo, on the Swale, died Tuesday June 5, aged 81 years. The funeral was held Thursday, at his residence, Rev. I. K. Richardson [Universalist] officiating. The interment was in Swale cemetery. Mr. Hatch moved to the Swale with his parents from Montgomery county fifty years ago, bought and settled on what was known as the Butler lot, cleared up the land and made a successful farmer. He has filled several town offices with success. Honesty, sobriety, and a well-directed purpose were characteristic of his life. Many a poor farmer will find when he is short of produce in the Spring, that Uncle Silas is gone. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Isaac VanHoughton, and numerous friends to mourn his loss.

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<sup>1</sup> Silas Hatch was one of the first trustees of the First Universalist Society on the Swale, founded on 15 May 1852, per Steuben County NY Incorporation Records, p. 194.