

[Hill, Gregory]

Mr. Gregory Hill, whose death was briefly announced in this paper last week, was, for many years, prominent among the most enterprising, influential and highly respected citizens of the town of Victor. Mr. Hill was a native of Vermont, having been born in that state May 1st, 1793. When about nineteen years old he decided to seek his fortune in Western New York, and ultimately found his way to Victor, where he arrived in the spring of 1813, with nothing but a stout heart and willing hands to aid him. Purchasing fifty acres of land "on time" of Oliver Chapin, he commenced work with a determination to succeed, and with a wisely directed energy, which soon enabled him, not only to pay for his first purchase, but to add rapidly to his possessions, until he became, as is believed, the largest land holder in the town where he resided—owning at the time of his death, eight hundred acres in Victor and three hundred near Marengo, Michigan. Eight years after locating in Victor, he found a worthy helpmate in the person of Lovina Lusk¹, whom he married in 1822, and by whom he raised a family of eight children, six of whom survive him, including five sons, who reside in Victor, and a daughter settled in Michigan. The deceased had been in failing health during the last five years, and much of the time suffered severely from the complicated disorders with which he was afflicted, and which finally, on the 2d instant, brought his eventful life to a close. The funeral ceremonies, which took place at the Universalist church, in Victor, on the 3d instant, were conducted by Rev. Mr. Boardman [Thomas Borden], and the remains were followed to their final resting place, on Boughton Hill, by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

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¹ She died in 1872 in Victor.