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BARZILLAI HODSKIN

Barzillai Hodskin, of Canton, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Delia Gale, in Brooklyn, Feb. 17th. He went to Brooklyn from Canton with his wife about six weeks ago to visit their daughter, and while there he was taken ill from peritonitis. The remains were brought to Canton for interment.

Mr. Hodskin was born in Otselic, Chenango county, N. Y., March 27th, 1810 and was the eldest son of Nathaniel Hodskin. When about twelve years of age he removed with his father's family to Madison county and in 1827 to Canton. He received a common school education, and after attaining his majority engaged with his father in the furnace business at Canton. From 1850 until 1854 he was also interested in the furniture business at Canton. In partnership with Mr. Langdon, in the fall of 1850 he was elected county treasurer and held the office for four years, at the same time being one of the directors of the Potsdam and Watertown railroad. He held the office of treasurer of the road for several years. From 1861 to 1864 he was interested in the hardware business at Carthage and Gouverneur with A. B. Cutting. In 1804 he built the Hodskin House at Canton (now the Haven House) and conducted it as a hotel for several years. Following this he was engaged in silver mining at Colorado, being the superintendent of the St. Lawrence Silver Mining Company. About 1872 he bought the Jackson saw mill at Canton and engaged in the lumber business for several years. During the past ten years his time has been occupied with overseeing his property at Canton, and at Monterey and other points. At the time of his death he owned several fine residences in Canton, besides large tracts of land in the southern part of the county, and was one of Canton's wealthiest citizens. In politics Mr. Hodskin was a democrat and in religious belief a Universalist.

On January 8th, 1855, he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Hutchins, daughter of Roswell Hutchins, of Norfolk, and a sister of Mrs. [Clara] Sackrider of Canton. Of the two children who were born to them, the son, Roswell N., died about five years ago, and the daughter, Mrs. Delia Gale, survives him.

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