

[Holley, Newman]

South Part of the County

A close observer must have noticed the unusual fatality among old people during the past winter. It is but a few weeks since we noted the death of the oldest resident of Henderson, and also the oldest resident of Belleville, besides others of our old people. We have now to record the departure of Mr. Newman Holley, who was, at the time of his death, the oldest resident of the town of Ellisburg, though not the oldest person in the town. Mr. Holley was born in Dorset, Vt., in 1793, and in 1803, with his father's family, came to Ellisburgh and settled on the same farm upon which he died. The journey from Vermont was made with a team and occupied three weeks. From where is now the village of Adams to the farm upon which they settled, a distance of three miles, they cut their road through the woods. Besides raising a large family of children of his own, he adopted and raised four orphans. Mr. Holley, though possessed of a good mind, was without the advantages of a good education. He was a man of the strictest honesty and integrity and against his character no man could say aught.

In his religious convictions he was a firm and decided Universalist and died with full confidence in that faith.

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