

[Hunt, Henry Nelson]

Henry Nelson, son of Elthanan Hunt, was born in Rutland county, Vermont, March 5, 1808, died in the town of Poland, Chautauqua county, New York, August 5, 1895. He was brought to Genesee county, New York by his parents in 1811. There he was educated and brought up a farmer, an occupation he followed all his life, besides being engaged extensively in the lumber business. When about thirty years of age he settled in Poland. He held the office of justice of the peace in Poland for many years, also serving as supervisor and in other town offices, as a Republican. He lived to a ripe old age [87] and perhaps no man ever held in a greater degree the love, respect and esteem of a community. He was a deeply religious man, a close student of the Bible, and with a heart filled with love labored for the salvation of everybody. Indeed that was his creed, universal salvation. He induced ministers of the Universalist faith to come to Poland, securing for their use the school houses in the town. Here services were held and much good accomplished. In his home life he was most kind and loving, leaving behind a memory most warmly cherished by his sons. He is buried in Myrtle cemetery, Poland, the ground for which he partly donated from the farm for cemetery purposes. He married first, Catherine, daughter of Amica Ives, who bore him eight children: Edwin, Celia, Ervington, Lucretia, Caroline, Cynthia, Charles, Alton. He married second, Harriet A. Crofut, born [?] died 1898, daughter of Chester and Abigail (Risley) Crofut. She survived him three years. Children: Alva, deceased, Herbert Lincoln, Harry Francis.

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