

[Kent, Phineas]

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Phineas Kent, who was born October 4, 1804 and died January 2, 1891, had all of his life lived in the town of Bristol. From his 21st year he had held many offices of public trust, beginning with that of constable and collector, then deputy and under-sheriff, till the fall of 1840 when he was elected sheriff. He had the reputation of being one of the best officers in Ontario County that had ever held that position. At the close of his term he was elected justice of the peace, holding the office many years. With this he combined the duties of an auctioneer, in which he was both popular and successful. In politics he was an old-line Whig and in later years a Democrat. He was genial, generous and hospitable, and his kindness to the poor was proverbial. His friends will ever cherish his memory and "his children and his children's children will rise up and call him blest." His funeral was held from his late home, Monday, January 5th, at 2 o'clock. Rev. E. B. Barber [pastor of the Universalist Church] officiated, speaking feelingly of his hope expressed of meeting those beyond and the ties sundered on earth that were now cemented in heaven. His grave is in the beautiful Evergreen Cemetery, of which Bristol is so justly proud.

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