[Lewis, Richard]

RICHARD LEWIS.

At half-past seven o'clock this morning the death of Richard Lewis occurred at the family residence at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, and was easy and peaceful. Mr. Lewis was in his seventy-ninth year, his birthplace being in the town of Berne, Albany county, this state, whence he removed as a lad to Cincinnati, in which city and in New Orleans he was for forty years extensively interested in the business of a produce and commission merchant. About ten years since he retired from active business pursuits and removed from Cincinnati to Le Roy, this state, coming to Jamestown in 1876, where he has since resided.

In 1853 Richard Lewis and Jennie P. Hatch were married in Le Roy, N.Y. To them were born Harry R. Lewis, Jamestown; Robert F. Lewis, M.D., Cincinnati; Laura P. Lewis, Jamestown; Mrs. Marion S. Bryce, Pittsburg; Jennie L. Lewis, Jamestown; the widow and all the children surviving.

Mr. Lewis was exemplary in every duty of life. In religious belief he was a Universalist, being one of the most active members of the church to which he belonged in Cincinnati and, after his coming to Jamestown, one of the main supporters of the church of that denomination as long as it existed here. He took a deep and intelligent interest in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the community, state and nation, and gave liberally but without the least ostentation to the worthy causes, religious, social or political which he espoused. His integrity was of the most uncompromising nature, and in every way he was utterly honest and upright. In his family he was the kindest of fathers and husbands, and revered by his children who will remember is devotion to them, his indulgence and his daily example as an upright, conscientious Christian gentleman.

The funeral will be Thursday, at 4 p.m., the remains to be interred in Lake View cemetery. It is expected that the Rev. D. [E. L.] Rexford, of Detroit [formerly of Cincinnati] will conduct the service.

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