

[Luce, Torry J.]

Torry J. Luce was a native of this county, being born in Middlefield, April 5, 1798, and was the son of John and Sally Luce. His father carried on the business of blacksmithing and farming. His life was passed in the mercantile business. He was married March 14, 1825, to Huldah Eliza¹, daughter of Amasa and Sarah Peters, she being born in the town of Hartwick, April 2, 1807. Her father was one of the early settlers of that town, having removed from the State of Connecticut, of which he was a native, about the year 1790. Their family consisted of Rufus P.,² born in Middlefield, May 12, 1826; Caroline L., born June 13, 1828; Cynthia Ann, born May 17, 1830, who died in infancy; Dolphus Skinner³, born March 17, 1832, died Oct. 17 1876—the last three were natives of the town of Butternuts; Henry James⁴, born in Hartwick, March 5, 1847.

Mr. Luce was a member of the Democratic party, and held various town offices, having been supervisor, justice of the peace, etc. He was a member of the Universalist church, as was also his wife.

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¹ Per the *Richfield Springs Mercury* of Richfield Springs NY on 16 Apr 1885, Huldah died on 1 Apr 1885 in Hartwick NY.

² Per the *Otsego Farmer* of Cooperstown NY on Fri. 17 Oct 1902, Rufus died "at his home in Hartwick last Saturday."

³ Dolphus Skinner Luce was undoubtedly named after Rev. Dolphus Skinner (1800-1869), the pioneer Universalist clergyman and editor of Central New York.

⁴ Per the *Otsego Farmer* of Cooperstown NY on Fri. 27 Jun 1890, Henry "was buried last Saturday." His father was noted as deceased.