

[Matson, David]

Another Clarendon Pioneer Gone

David Matson, an aged pioneer and respected resident of the town of Clarendon, died at his residence in that town, Tuesday morning, July 5th. After a long and lingering illness of nearly six years, death came at last to relieve the patient sufferer. The deceased was conscious up to the very last and recognized and talked with all the members of the family who could be present up to within a few hours of his death. Unfortunately his two eldest sons Edwin T. Matson, of Dallas, Texas, and George Q. Matson, of Indianapolis, Ind., were unable to be present, but the latter arrived the next day after his father's death, and was present at the funeral, which was held at the house at 2 o'clock, Thursday the 7th inst.

Mr. Matson was born at White River Junction, Vermont, Oct. 30, 1811, being in his eighty-first year at the time of his death.

He came to Clarendon in the year 1815, and located one mile south and one mile east of Clarendon village, on the same farm upon which he has continually resided since 1815.

Early in life he commenced to take an active interest in religion, and was one of the founders of the Universalist church of Clarendon, of which he was an active member and earnest worker up to the time of his death.

His wife Charita A. Matson survives him and also seven children, Edwin T. Matson, of Dallas, Texas; George Q. Matson, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Paulowna Burrows and Willis A. Matson, of Brockport; Cora P. Crossett and Josephine E. Matson, of Clarendon, and George Byron Tasker, an adopted son, of Holley, N.Y. The deceased was a successful farmer, business man and was loved and honored by all who ever had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and will be sincerely mourned by all.

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