

[McNeil, Archibald]

McNEIL—At his residence in this village, September 26th, 1883, Archibald McNeil, aged 70 years.

The deceased was born in Jefferson County, New York, June 23rd, 1813. His youth was spent in his native country and in 1833 he came to Michigan. In July 1836 he was united in marriage to Mary A. Boynton, of Clinton, when he took up his residence in the township of Tecumseh and worked at his trade, which was that of a carpenter and joiner, until 1840. In that year he began to work in the old Tecumseh foundry and continued in that establishment through the different changes in its management for 35 years, until April 1875. In that month he seriously injured one hand which disabled him for several months, and he was unable to perform any manual labor after that time. He united with the Universalist church at the time of its organization in August 1866, and was chosen Deacon at the first church election, which position he continued to occupy until the day of his death. He was a man of strong convictions and decided views on all subjects, and was remarkably well informed for a man who had so little leisure time for reading. His station in life was a humble one, but every duty devolving upon him—to himself, to his family, to society, to his church—was most faithfully performed. He was respected as an exemplar by those who knew him. A kind father, a patriotic citizen, a true Christian gentleman has ceased his earthly labors and gone to meet his elder brother [Ira McNeil], who set out on the heavenly journey only three short weeks before. They were brothers on earth—in heaven they will not be separated.

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