

[Moose, William Mackhenry]

Death of William Moose

William Moose died at the home of his son Lloyd Moose in the town of Sparta on Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock, Oct. 28, 1919, after more than two years' illness, aged 71 years, 8 months and 11 days.

William Mackhenry Moose was the son of Enoch Moose and Sarah Burdick, and was born Feb. 17, 1848, on his farm on the Story road near the Mt. Pleasant school house, where he had lived for 40 years, and he was a grand son of Jacob Moose and Catharine Bachman who came from Pennsylvania and settled in Sparta in 1823. On Feb. 17, 1869, the day he was 21 years old, he was united in marriage to Josephine Dieter, daughter of Jacob Dieter and Betsey Swarts. She died Sept. 8, 1906. They began housekeeping in the house with his mother-in-law near Liberty Pole, and he lived there and worked her farm for seven years, and she often remarked that in all those years he never gave her one unpleasant word. In 1877 he moved to his home near the Mt. Pleasant school house where he resided until June, 1917, when his health failed and he went to live with his son.

Mr. Moose was a man that was foremost in every good work that was for the advancement of his country, and it was through his untiring efforts that the Universal[ist] church was built at Wrights, and he donated eighty days of his own labor toward building it, and it was dedicated to any gathering of the community, either sacred or secular. He was one of the first trustees, which office he held at the time of his death—and it might be said, "His delight was in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate both day and night." He would quote the Scripture by the hour and many a Doctor of Divinity was not as conversant with it as he was. His motto was, "Do not take me for a pattern but take Jesus Christ."

The funeral services were held at the Universal[ist] church at Wrights on Friday at 3 o'clock, Rev. L. R. Lowrey [Lowry] of the Universalist church of Nunda officiating, using the text Phil. 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body?" The choir sang many beautiful selections, among which were "Only remembered by what I have done," "He knoweth the way that I take," and the "Christian's Good Night." The floral tributes were many, consisting of a broken circle, wreath and sheaves of flowers. As the procession came in sight of the church the big bell tolled seventy-one strokes until the casket rested at the altar. The remains were taken to the Pleasant Valley cemetery in Carney Hollow and buried in the family lot beside his wife. He leaves two sons, Lloyd Moose and Earl D. Moose, and one grand daughter, Betsey Moose, also one brother Rev. Seymore E. Moose, all of Sparta, to mourn his loss.

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