

## [Moulton, Elbridge Gerry]

### DEATH OF A NONAGENARIAN

Elbridge Gerry Moulton of Alexander Passes Peacefully Away—  
Was the Most Prominent Business Man of the Town at One time

Elbridge Gerry Moulton, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Alexander, died at his home in that village Tuesday at 10 o'clock, aged nearly 91 years.

Mr. Moulton was born in Alexander on August 23, 1812, and at the time of his death was the oldest native of the town. He was of Scotch [Scottish] descent, and sprung from Revolutionary stock. His father, Royal Moulton, was one of the early settlers, settling there with his half brother, Benjamin, in 1810. He was the first settler on the Batavia and Alexander road, remaining there until he died at the age of 93 years. He was a captain in the Massachusetts militia. He had seven children, Elbridge Gerry being one of the younger. The latter married for his first wife Isabel M. Clark of Ashtabula, O., in 1837. By her he had three children, Franklin G., Albert A. and Helen B. In 1849 he married Mary Warren of Attica, by whom he had four children, Warren E., May E., Hattie C. and Edith A. His second wife died April 23, 1899.

To Mr. Moulton is given the credit of having done more business in Alexander, in his day, than any other resident of that place. He was educated in the common schools and at the age of 20 he taught school in the Dorman district, receiving \$15 a month and boarded [boarding] around. When he was 21 he engaged in the dry goods business. At one time his sales in that business amounted to over \$100,000 a year. He was in partnership for a time with Seth Blossom. He sold his store to Albert Rowe and Seth Blossom, after following the business until 1853. After that he was principally engaged in farming, owning at one time over 1,000 acres in Alexander. In 1869 he was an extensive miller. He also purchased largely of wool and speculated in other produce.

Mr. Moulton had held many public offices. He was supervisor of Alexander three years, was postmaster from 1849 until 1853, was town clerk and justice many years and in 1859 and in 1860 he represented Genesee county in the State Assembly, being elected to office by the largest majority ever given any candidate in the district up to that time. He was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, when he became identified with it and had always voted its tickets. For a number of years he had been very feeble in mind, although extremely well in body for one so old. A good deal of the time he could not remember those by whom he was daily surrounded, but would talk of his boyhood days and tell of his brothers and sisters, only one of whom is now living, Byram Moulton, who is 85 years old.

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Ten days ago Mr. Moulton became confined to the bed and his end was very peaceful. He leaves two sons, Franklin G. Moulton of Batavia and Warren E. Moulton of Alexander, and three daughters, Mrs. Helen Tisdale and Mrs. Harriet Cotes of Batavia and Mrs. Edith Spann of Attica.

The funeral of Mr. Moulton will be held at his late home this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. R. R. Hadley of the Universalist church will officiate.

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