

[Payne, Ruggles]

Ruggles Payne was an early settler of the town of Nelson, and suffered all the hardships of pioneer life. While building his first home in the wilderness, his dwelling was in the woods, his couch [bed] a hollowed log, and his roof the starry vault of heaven. From such primitive conditions he by honest, persevering toil evolved success, and died at the age of eighty years on his farm of three hundred acres, which he had brought to the highest state of civilization. He was twice married, his first wife being Susannah Daniels, and that of his second Betsy Farnham. He was a Republican in politics, and in religious belief a Universalist.¹

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¹ Per his gravestone in the Payne Cemetery at Nelson, Madison Co. NY he was born on 8 Nov 1771 and died on 24 Jan 1857.