

[Reynolds, Levi A.]

Levi A. Reynolds

The death of Mr. L. A. Reynolds, which has been hourly expected for some days past, occurred about one o'clock P.M. on Monday. Deceased was one of Cuba's oldest and most highly respected residents, and his death removes another of the already small number of the pioneers of our town. Sixty-one years ago he came with his family to Cuba, and here he made his permanent home. Until very recent years he was closely identified with the progress of the village. Previous to his last illness, Mr. Reynolds prepared a brief sketch of his life, which we give herewith in his own words:

"I, Levi a. Reynolds, was born on Friday, the 22d day of June, 1804, in the town of Genoa, now Lansing, Tompkins County, N.Y. I was married to Miss Catharine Gross the first day of September, 1825. We had three children born to us, two sons and one daughter, (now Mrs. J. W. Broffle of La Porte, Ind.). The sons died in early manhood. I moved with my family into the town of Cuba the 20th day of December, 1833, and have been a resident of the town ever since, except about four years that I resided in Friendship. While in that town I was one of the prime movers in erecting the Universalist church in 1860. I moved to this village in the spring of 1861. I was elected Justice of the Peace, and served in that capacity and Notary Public, sixteen years in succession. I married 46 couples during my term of office. I sold the lot where the Universalist church now stands to our society. I commenced taking the Trumpet in 1838 and have not been without one or more Universalist papers since. I have attended four State Conventions as delegate, and three United States Conventions; the last one at Gloucester, Mass. It was reported that there were 25,000 people on the grounds, and was the largest crowd of people I ever saw. That was in the month of September, 1870, our hundredth anniversary.

"I enclosed in tinfoil and placed in the northeast corner of the wall of our church, the name of the minister, Rev. E. M. [Elhanan Winchester] Reynolds, who organized our society, the number of members, 80, also several Universalist documents.

"I became a Universalist by reading the Bible, over forty years ago, and never have doubted the truth of the doctrine. There is a passage of Scripture in the book of Psalms that has given me great satisfaction. It is the 17th chapter, last clause of the 15th verse, and reads as follows: 'I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness.' Whoever officiates at my funeral may use this passage for a few remarks."

The funeral, which was held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, was taken in charge by the Masonic order, the officiating minister being Rev. J. J. Brayton, pastor of the Universalist church at Friendship.

Deceased was a gentleman of kindly disposition, and was possessed of a large circle of friends, whose sympathy is extended to the bereaved family, and who, with them, will mourn the loss of an old and faithful friend.

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