

[Richardson, Silas]

Died at his home in Victor, Friday, Oct. 20th, Silas Richardson, age 88 years. Mr. Richardson was one of the oldest men born in this town. He was born on the farm where he now lives in 1805. He was the son of Jeremiah Richardson, who emigrated to New York State from Vermont in 1802. During a long and useful life as a farmer, he has seen this town develop from a howling wilderness into a veritable garden, most of the farm on which he lived, he helped to clear of the primeval forest. He has seen schools and churches established, roads laid out, and bridges built. Children and grandchildren, neighbors, and the whole community has risen up and called him blessed. Blest with a vigorous constitution and strong mind, he retained his mental faculties in a wonderful degree, and while keeping step with the march of events around him, still he relinquished life's burdens, joys and cares with perfect resignation. Mr. Richardson was married to Hannah Snediker in 1820. Of this union one daughter remains, Mrs. Lombart, who lives in Michigan. His first wife died in 1853, and a few years afterward he married Adeline Ladd, who with two sons, Elias L., of Victor, and J. Murray, of Chicago, survive him. He was elected justice of the peace and served twelve years in all; in politics he was a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and the last for Grover Cleveland. During his whole life from early manhood, he was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Universalist church, and up to within a few years was a faithful attendant, his moderate means were fully used in aid of every worthy and deserving charity, and his home was one of friendship and generous hospitality. During most of his life he was a member of Milnor Lodge F.& A. M. The funeral services were held from his late residence on Monday last, the services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. [Charles] Legal, assisted by Rev. John Cline, a lifelong friend and neighbor.

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