

[Rumrill, Luther]

In Buffalo, on the 10th inst., LUTHER RUMRILL, aged 79 years and about 10 months. He removed with his family from Vermont to Utica, N.Y., about 30 years ago, where he continued to reside until some time after the decease of his wife, Mrs. Mercy Rumrill, in 1841 [on 27 Aug in Utica]. After this he resided by turns with his children, in Michigan, Ohio, Buffalo, Utica and Kinderhook, until his decease at the residence of his son, Henry Rumrill. Mild, affectionate and cheerful, he attached many hearts whose regard he warmly reciprocated. And trusting in God as the Father of all spirits, he was sustained and cheered by the hope of the Gospel, throughout his long pilgrimage. His departure was remarkably easy. He was not confined to the house a day, but died sitting in an easy chair, passing to the spirit-land in a slumber so easy, that the transition from life to death could scarcely be perceived. His remains were brought to Utica, and with those of his wife, were interred in Forest Hill cemetery, after a brief discourse by the writer (who 13 years before had attended the funeral of his wife), attended by a number of Masonic brethren, who paid to his remains the appropriate honors—thus fulfilling his frequently expressed wishes, that his remains might repose with his wife's, that he might be buried with Masonic honors, and that the writer might preach his funeral sermon.

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