

[Shoemaker, Andrew]

MOHAWK

—Another and one of the oldest land marks in the person of Andrew Shoemaker, died Saturday morning, Jan 30, aged 89 years. His funeral was attended from his residence on Main street, Tuesday at 2 p.m., Rev. Daniel Ballou [Universalist] officiating. Mr. Shoemaker was one of a family of fourteen children, and was born on the old Shoemaker farm in a house standing near the street on the west side of the present Henry Myers farm. At that time it was legal to hold slaves in this state and during his childhood [he] was attended by a colored woman, a slave in the family, by the name of Soar, and who will be remembered by many old people in this place. At maturity he learned the trade of tanner and currier in Frankfort and continued in the same line till about 1875, when he retired from active business. He is survived by one brother, a widow [Jeanett], two sons, viz: James, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Charles, of Leadville, Col., and three daughters [including Margaret and Cornelia], residents of Mohawk, who cared kindly for him in his declining years.

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