

[Shumway, Joseph Hill]

Death of Joseph H. Shumway, An Esteemed Resident

Fort Plain, Jan .17—The death, after an extended illness, of Joseph H. Shumway at his home in this village Saturday morning took away one of the most highly esteemed and well known citizens of this locality. His illness began about a year ago, when he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, and which left him in very poor health. Five weeks ago he had two severe attacks, from which he never recovered, gradually growing weaker until the end. Mr. Shumway was born at Lebanon, Columbia county, August (??), 1820. He received a public school education and in the fall of (18??) he went to VanHornesville¹, where he (?? unreadable) which was conducted by him in the large cotton factory located at that place. After nine years he formed a partnership in the grocery business at VanHornesville with Abram VanHorn [Van Horne], which continued very successfully until the death of Mr. VanHorn. In September, (18??) Mr. Shumway continued the business and became one of the leading merchants in that locality. In (18??) he retired from active business, selling his store to John (W__?). He was one of the highly honored citizens of VanHornesville, leading in every business venture and being philanthropic toward the needy in his locality. He was a man loved by all classes. In politics he was a strict Republican and served in Herkimer county two terms as Supervisor. He was a member of the Universalist Church and one of its most liberal supporters. In (18??) he, with his family, moved to Fort Plain, where they have since made their residence. [On] September (?), (1854?) he was joined in marriage to Cornelia VanHorn [Van Horne] of VanHornesville, who survives. He is also survived by three children, Mrs. Daniel I. [Agnes] Devoe and Walter Shumway of Fort Plain and Mrs. John M. Farley of White Plains. The funeral will be held from the late home Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. The officiating clergyman will be Rev. S. D. Butler of the [Universalist] Church of the Messiah. The remains will be placed in the receiving vault of the Fort Plain Cemetery.

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¹ Van Hornesville