

[Skinner, Hiram]

Died, In Hastings, Oswego County, on the 10th inst., HIRAM SKINNER, Esq., aged 67 years, and for many years—more than half his life, a resident of Union Square, Mexico. He was the middle link in that fraternal chain, or brotherhood of nine, whose somewhat remarkable meeting, or reunion (which was chronicled in this paper soon after its occurrence) took place at Union Square in September, 1860, where the whole nine met together for the first time in fifty years and the last time in this life, the youngest, Dr. A. [Albert] Skinner, of Youngstown, being then 53, and the oldest, Rev. Warren Skinner, of Vt., in his 70th year. The first link was severed in February last by the death of Barton Skinner, Esq., of N.H., at a time when the writer of this lay apparently at the point of death. But he, the writer still lives, and, by the grace of God, was permitted to attend the funeral of this second one, called away during the present year. The subject of this notice was a great though a patient sufferer during nearly the whole of his life. At the age of 14 he was attacked with a nervous disease that destroyed the sight of one eye, and nearly the use of one limb, rendering him an invalid and cripple all the rest of his days. He was anxious to make himself useful and obtain a livelihood without being burdensome to others. He taught school for a number of years, engaged for a while in mercantile pursuits, filled the office of Post Master, and of Justice of the Peace, and reared a family of six children. But for many years he has been very feeble, and suffered great pain, but without murmuring or complaint, waiting till his change should come. His faith was strong and unwavering in the mighty God of Jacob, and in Christ the Savior of the world. He had no enemy while he lived, and died in peace with God and all mankind. His funeral was attended on the 12th inst., by a large assembly of kindred, friends and neighbors, and an appropriate and excellent sermon delivered by Rev. R.[Royal] H. Pullman of Fulton [a Universalist], from 1 Cor. xv.58. Peace be to his departed spirit, and consolation to all who mourn.

D. S. [Rev. Dolphus Skinner, brother of the deceased]

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