

[Slomaker, Daniel]

DANIEL SLOMAKER DIED EARLY THIS MORNING
NEARING 105TH BIRTHDAY

The Anniversary Would Have Been Reached Next Tuesday—
Was Captain of the Second Canal Boat Ever Built—The Survivors

Frankfort, May 10.—At the residence of his son-in-law, Warner Muckey, in West Main street, at 2 o'clock this morning, occurred the death of Daniel Slomaker, or Slaymaker, as the name was spelled many years ago.

Mr. Slomaker was without doubt one of the oldest residents in the state. He was born in Roxboro, a suburb of Philadelphia, May 15, 1801, so had he lived until Tuesday he would have reached his 105th birthday.

When [16?] years of age he moved to Ithaca and was made captain of the second canal boat built at that place. The name of the craft was "The Senator of Ithaca" and was owned by Butler Livingston & Co. of Utica. He was captain of the first boat run on the Chenango Canal, owned by the late A. E. Culver & Co. of Utica. A band of music accompanied the boat on its initial trip and was an object of much interest along the line. Arriving at Oxford, then a village of 300 inhabitants, a procession was formed and, led by the band and "Captain Dan," as Mr. Slomaker was called, a march was made through the town. Mr. Slomaker remained in the employ of Culver & Co. for 33 years, all of that time being in the boating business. He made his home at Howard's Bush, now called "Center," in this town.

About 1839 he married Betsey Cummings, who died 26 years ago. Three children were born to them, all now living: Emma, wife of Warner Muckey of this village, with whom he had lived for the past 20 years; Julia Slomaker, also of Frankfort, and James of Utica.

In politics, Mr. Slomaker was a Whig, but when the Republican party was formed he identified with that and held several offices of trust under it. He had long been a member of the Universalist Church and manifested much interest in its welfare. His declining years have been made as pleasant as possible by the close attention and tender care of his daughter, Mrs. Muckey, from whose home the funeral will be held on Sunday at 1 o'clock, the Rev. Alice Bradley of the Universalist Church officiating. The interment will be made in Oak View Cemetery.

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