

[Smith, Hiram]

Death of Justice Hiram Smith.

Hiram Smith died at his home in the town of Portage, March 29th, of kidney disease, aged 78 years. Many years ago—about 1830—the Smith brothers, Lyman Ammon, Hiram and Norman, came to Portage and became citizens of that town. They were by occupation comb-makers, but became successful farmers. Hiram Smith was born at North Salem, Westchester county, New York, near the Connecticut line. He married Jane E. Sandford a few years after his brother Lyman purchased what is now known as the Rowell farm. Some of the families went back to their native place and earned at their trade sufficient to pay for their investment at Portage.

Prominent in civil and political life were these families for many years. Mr. Ammon Smith was Supervisor; and Hiram Smith was for 22 years a Justice of the Peace. In politics they were Republicans, and in theology were pronounced Universalists. Mr. Smith had four brothers and three sisters and he has survived them all except his youngest sister, Mrs. Bates, who resides [resided] at Danbury, Conn. Mr. Smith has been so prominently connected for 50 years with the history of the town that we can hardly think of the town without thinking of him. May his mantle of unselfish devotion to public interest fall upon his son, who succeeds him as farmer and citizen. Mr. Smith leaves a wife and four children, viz: Miss Gertrude, Mrs. Ella Bliss of Genesee Falls, Mrs. Cora Botsford of Warsaw and Sanford H., of Portage. The funeral was held Thursday at 2 p.m. and largely attended.

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