

[Smith, Lewis V.]

Lewis V. Smith

Lewis V. Smith, who died suddenly at his home in Cortland on Jan. 21, 1914, was born Oct. 20, 1825, in the town of Venice on his father's farm, being the oldest son of Isaac and Margaret Smith. He married Mary Kimball, daughter of Isaac Kimball, and they lived at the old Kimball homestead, until he engaged in the mercantile business at East Venice in the S. E. Young store. In 1868, he moved to Genoa village, where he and his son, Dorr C. Smith, engaged in the general grocery business in the east side of the D. & H. Avery block, where they remained until 1871, when they crossed the street to the building known as the Brownell store. In 1870, Mr. Smith was elected school commissioner of the Southern district of this county.

The family first moved to Cortland in 1873, but returned to Venice for a number of years when Mr. Smith again conducted a store. About 1883 they returned to Cortland. Mr. Smith and his son erected the large double house on Railroad St., in that city, where he has lived ever since, with the exception of a few years, which he spent in Genoa.

Mrs. Smith died in January, 1891, and later he married Mrs. Mary A. Wood of Genoa, who survives him.

The deceased was a member of the Universalist church of Cortland, and had been for many years one of its most loyal, strongest supporters, rarely missing any of the services of the church, when in his usual health. He was conceded to be the oldest member of the Universalist faith in this State.

Funeral services were held at his late home Friday last. The pastor of the Universalist church preached the sermon and the pastor of the Baptist church offered prayer. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Among those [from out of town] who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith of East Genoa, Mrs. Eva Hewitt of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Doty of Moravia and Mrs. James M. Hutchinson and son of Rochester.

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