

[Spaulding, Alvin K.]

POOLVILLE

Death of Alvin K. Spaulding, Old and Esteemed Resident

Alvin K. Spaulding died Tuesday. He was born in Vermont March 15, 1827. He was the last survivor of a large family of children. In January, 1849, he was married to Polly A. Tuttle in Columbus, N.Y. They had four children, two of whom are living, Addison A. of Poolville and Leonard of Binghamton. Mr. Spaulding has been a resident of Poolville since 1878. He was known as a desirable citizen, honest in business and of unimpeachable veracity. He was unusually industrious, seemingly unhappy when not profitably employed. Last fall, when past 92 years of age, he picked hops through the entire harvest and also husked large quantities of corn. He has had organic heart trouble for several years, but his courage never failed, and when a majority of people would have given up, he has cheerfully met the claims of life as they have presented themselves. As his physical powers were also phenomenal at his advanced aged, his intellectual powers were equally so. There was scarcely any perceivable loss of memory. He was interested in the happenings of the day and able to converse intelligently on any topic which interested him. On the morning of March 5th he fell on the kitchen floor, breaking a bone in the hip. [On] Tuesday night [March 9] came the release, six days before his 93rd birthday. Mr. Spaulding was a member of the Universalist church and a staunch defender of its doctrine. He will be missed not only as the oldest resident, but as a kind neighbor, a useful citizen, and a true friend. Funeral services were held from his home, Rev. F. H. Lewis of the M. E. church officiating. Burial in Poolville cemetery beside his wife.

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