

[Swart, George Danforth]

GEORGE DANFORTH SWART

George Danforth Swart, one of the oldest and one of the most respected residents of Oneonta, passed away early Monday morning, Aug. 6th.

Mr. Swart suffered a slight shock of apoplexy about three years ago from which he never fully recovered. He was about his home and the streets, however, until less than two weeks ago. On Friday last, his condition became alarming and from that time he failed rapidly, though to the last he retained the full possession of his faculties.

Mr. Swart was born August 23, 1826, in Middleburg, his parents being Tunis and Julia Ann (Schaffer) Swart. His parents were descended from the Holland Dutch emigrants who were among the earliest settlers of the Schoharie Valley. He removed to Davenport when 19 years of age and while a resident there was married Sept. 11, 1848, to Martha Jeanette Cowley of Harpersfield. Thirty-six years ago he moved to Oneonta where he has since resided. His wife, who lived to celebrate with him their golden anniversary, died sixteen years ago.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m., at his late home in Oneonta, and were largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. L. C. Nichols, pastor of the Chaplin [Chapin] Memorial [Universalist] church of which Mr. Swart was a charter member and a deacon from its organization. Interment was made in the famil plot at Glenwood.

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