DEATHS.

Of Cholera, while on a visit to see his friends in Chicago, Oct. 7, 1854, Mr. SAMUEL N. TANNER, of Barre, Orleans co., N.Y., aged 62 years and 11 days. Br. Tanner was one of the early pioneers of the "Holland Purchase." He took up a farm in the wilderness, where he had resided upward of 34 years, previous to his death. He had seen the forest yield at his approach, and broad fields of waving grain, and loaded fruit trees took its place. He was industrious and frugal, and consequently accumulated a good property. He was upright and honest in all his dealings, and hence, was loved and respected by all who knew him, and I know not that I can better write out his biography in all the relations of life, than to say he was a Universalist in faith and practice. He has left a wife [Sarah G. Mullett Spear, his second marriage] and five sons [including Mortimer, Edwin, Robert, and William], and one daughter, together with a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn a loss and who rejoice in the same glorious faith which he cherished through life. His last sickness was of but ten hours duration, during which time he gave his wife who was with him to understand that he was prepared to meet the destroyer, and even far from home and family he was ready to say, "Welcome death and set me free, I am ready to go." We will fondly cherish his memory, while we commend his spirit to God who gave it. His remains were brought back to his residence, a beautiful country seat, opposite Mount Albion [Cemetery], where a large concourse of friends and neighbors assembled to testify their respect for the departed. He was a member of the fraternity of Masons, and was buried under the rule of the Order, and their solemn and impressive funeral service was performed at the grave.

W. [William] B. Cook

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