

[Taylor, Alfred Stockdale]

Alfred Stockdale Taylor

Yesterday afternoon it was announced on the street that Mr. Taylor was dead. For many weeks his condition had been such that his death at any time would not have surprised the public. For three months to a day, at the date of his departure, the deceased had been confined most of the time to his bed and much of the time a great sufferer from Bright's disease. For nearly half a century, or forty-six years, Mr. Taylor was a resident of Clinton. He was born at Malton, England, Dec. 1818, and had therefore nearly completed his sixty-ninth year. His father, Thomas Taylor, with his wife and eleven children (having buried one in their native land) came to this country about the year 1830 and landed at Montreal, where the mother died when Alfred, the subject of this notice, was twelve years old. Soon after the family removed into this state, near this vicinity.

In 1841 the deceased came to Clinton and resided for a time with a married sister who had preceded him. While a young man he learned the tailor's trade, which vocation he pursued two or three years, when on account of ill health he was forced to abandon it. In 1844 he married Christiana, eldest daughter of the late Charles Goodfellow, who now mourns his departure, the only surviving member of his family. In 1865 occurred the death of his two interesting daughters, only children, aged respectively seventeen and twenty-three years, within a short period of each other, of typhoid fever. In 1872 the deceased sold his home on Marvin street, where he [later] died, and removed to New Jersey, where he lived about eighteen months, when he returned to Clinton where his home has since been. Altho' he had nearly completed life's limit of "three-score and ten," it was not the burden of years which pressed him to earth, but an organic malady which seemingly cut short an unfinished life.

Mr. Taylor was a useful and valued citizen, a man whose integrity was unquestioned. For many years he had occupied important town offices of various kinds and had but a few weeks prior to his death resigned the office of police justice. He was a man of excellent judgment whose advice was often sought. He was rigidly honest in his dealings with his fellow men. Possessing peculiarly a sensitive disposition, he was quick to resent a wrong, which sometimes led momentarily to sharp words, but which he soon regretted. He was fond of poetry and music and possessed literary tastes which made him an extensive reader. His political faith was democratic; his religious, Universalist, in which he died a strong believer. Mr. Taylor will be missed in this community. For several weeks previous to his death his mind wandered much of the time, but when he spoke of his departure he expressed great confidence of entering a better life beyond.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence on Marvin street, Friday, Nov. 25, at 10 o'clock a.m., to which friends and acquaintances are invited.

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