

[Thresher, James]

Dolgeville

James Thresher, who was 82 years of age and was one of the two oldest inhabitants of this village, died Thursday at his home on Van Buren street after an illness of several weeks, due to old age. Mr. Thresher was born in Vermont and came to this place with his father, Asa Thresher, in the early thirties. Dolgeville was then called Brockett's Bridge and was little more than a wilderness, the only business of any kind being a tannery conducted by Major Winton. He worked as a maker of axe helves and of baskets, which in those times were profitable occupations, as there were no machine made implements in use at the time. Mr. Thresher was married to Sarah Bolton and following her death married Laney Martin of Johnstown. One son, Henry of Binghamton, survives the first union. Mr. Thresher had lived here continuously since his first arrival in town and was known to everyone in the vicinity. He gained the sobriquet "Honest Jim" early in life and always lived up to the name, being strictly honest in his dealings and being a man of his word in every respect. He was a Universalist, having given expression to ideas of Universalism long before that church came into prominence. Mr. Thresher is survived by his widow and by the following children of his second marriage: Mrs. L. D. Snell, William Thresher, James Thresher, jr., Mrs. Frank Fish and Miss Anna Thresher, all of this place. One brother, Eben of Dolgeville, and one sister, Mrs. Hannah Bolton of Michigan, also survive. Funeral services will be held from the Universalist Church Saturday at 2 p.m., the Rev. M. G. Folsom officiating.

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