

[Tingue, Simeon]

Death of Mr. Simeon Tingue

Another pioneer land-mark of the village is gone—another good man is at rest. Mr. Tingue, after an illness of several months, sank quietly to rest, on Tuesday morning the 10th instant, at the age of 73 yrs. 9 mos. 3 days, he having been born on the 7th day of Jan 1809. In 1824, he came in his teens to reside with the late Joseph Wagner, then an innkeeper in the village just starting into existence; and for whom he proved a trusty and faithful clerk for several years. With his honest intentions and good habits, his industry and economy, he became such an one as is designated—a *self made* man—in regard to wealth and position.

In time Mr. Tingue became associated in business with his brother-in-law, the late John I. Diefendorf, afterwards with Alfred J. Wagner, and finally with his two oldest sons, who on quitting business here, became successful merchants in New York city.

The writer has known the subject of this notice long and intimately, and can speak of him not only as one successful in business, but as a useful and upright citizen—ever ready to do his duty in enterprises of a public character. The church which he has generously aided in establishing and maintaining, will sensibly feel the loss of his fostering care. He was liberal, generous and confiding in his views of men and things—as in truth all good men are. He has been thrice married. His first wife was a Miss Diefendorf; and the other two wives were sisters, daughters of the late Henry Garlock, Esq., of Canajoharie. [One was Lydia Garlock, whose first husband was Freeman Wyman.] A daughter of the first wife survives, and three sons and two daughters by the second, to mourn his loss. The death of such a man us a public calamity, and all his acquaintances will sympathize with the mourning relatives in their bereavement. It is gratifying to know that in his sickness, he has received the very kindest care and attention.

Mr. Tingue has reared a worthy family of children, to whom he has proven a kind and indulgent parent, ever looking after their comfort and wants—and his example for good will, we trust, long commend itself to the heads of other families for imitation. His generous nature made him very kind in sickness; and in the last generation we are confident, no one in this community has assisted in the burial of more good citizens than he has. But he has gone from us forever. Thus goes to his final reward, another of the solid men of this community.

Having for many years taken a commendable pride, as a Trustee or rather as President of the Board of Trustees of the cemetery—our beautiful home for the dead—he has in the man time made his own preparations conspicuous among the most desirable in the grounds; where we can heartily bespeak—peace to his ashes!

His funeral will take place on Thursday at 1 o'clock P.M., from the Universalist church, on which occasion the Revs. Ballou and Burrington will officiate.

J. B. S.

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The Tingue Funeral

The funeral of the late Simeon Tingue was largely attended at the church of the Messiah [Universalist] last Thursday afternoon. The remains were borne [sic] by Edwin W. Wood, John A. Zoller, Alfred Cary, William Griffith, Reuben Elwood and O. O. Austin, all friends of the deceased. The services were opened by Rev. L. M. Burrington, pastor of the church, followed by eloquent and touching remarks by Rev. Daniel Ballou, of Utica. Mr. Ballou referred in fitting terms to the great services performed by the deceased in building up and maintaining the church, and to his active services in connection with the Clinton Liberal Institute. He also paid tender tribute to Mr. Tingue's kindly nature and genial character. They prayer, with which the services in the church closed, was offered by Rev. Dr. Pullman, of New York. The attendance of people from abroad was quite large. The children of the deceased were all present on the occasion: Mrs. Margaret Klock, and Mrs. W. C. Reid, of this village; Mr. E. W. Tingue and Mrs. H. A. Dickinson, of New York; Mr. John H. Tingue, of Seymour, Conn.; and Mr. W. J. Tingue, of Port Chester, N.Y.

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