

[Townsend, William]

WILLIAM TOWNSEND

Was born at Seneca, Ontario County, N.Y., Oct. 2, 1825, and died at Friendship, Friday, July 13, 1894. His parents Samuel and Maria moved into Friendship in March 1842, where they brought up a large family. In 1861, and after the children had dispersed, the large Townsend home suffered the same fate that destroyed Prof. P. Miller's house. A great flood in VanCampen in October, 1861, undermined the dwelling and it was swept into the Genesee River. Previously Mrs. Townsend had fallen into the creek but was rescued.

William, the oldest of 8 children, married Mary Stanton, daughter of Sheldon P. Stanton, to whom were born two boys, Frank and Stanton, and one daughter, Mamie, all living. A few weeks since, he was stricken with paralysis, and became a wreck in body and mind. He was buried in Mt. Hope, July 14, Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton [Universalist] officiating at the funeral.

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