

[Vanderhoof, Remsen]

Remsen Vanderhoof, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Monroe county, died early this morning at his residence in the village of Fairport, after a brief illness of about three weeks. Mr. Vanderhoof was born in the town of Wells, Montgomery county, this state, on the 9th day of March, 1809, and therefore had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. In 1833 he moved into the town of Perinton, where he has since lived with the exception of nine years, during which he resided in Victor, [Ontario] county. Thirty-seven years ago the first of the present month, he located in the village of Fairport where he became engaged in the produce and commission business. He also entered into the lumber and coal business which he carried on successfully for many years. He was associated with Alexander Van Norman for about fifteen years in the coal business under the firm name of Vanderhoof and Van Norman. From this firm he retired about eight years ago and has not since been in active business.

The deceased was a prominent mason. He became a member of the Penfield Union Lodge No. 54, F. & A.M. at Penfield in 1854. He was a charter member and the first treasurer of Fairport Lodge No. 476, F. & A.M. Of this lodge he has been an active member thirty-one years, being one of its trustees at the time of his death. Of the sixteen charter members of this lodge only three survive him. As a slight token of their esteem the members on the occasion of his 80th birthday presented him with a handsome Masonic apron.

In May, 1838, Mr. Vanderhoof married Henrietta Hughes who still survives him. Two years ago in May they celebrated their golden wedding with their children at Storm Lake, Iowa. Besides his widow he leaves surviving him two daughters, Mrs. C. J. [Lovilla] Wood of this city and Mrs. George W. [Dora] Hamilton of Pomeroy, Iowa.

In religion Mr. Vanderhoof was a Universalist and in politics he was always a Democrat. In his business relations he practiced strict integrity and personally he was pleasant and genial. His home life was particularly happy, [he] being a faithful and devoted husband and father. He therefore closed an active life of over four score years bearing no ill will towards anyone, loved by his friends and highly respected and honored by all who knew him.

The funeral, which will be under the direction of the Fairport lodge, will take place from the house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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