

[Wain, John C.]

Another Octogenarian Gone

PARISH, Sept. 10.—Another octogenarian has passed over the Jordan of death. John C. Wain, aged 80 years, died September 6th. He was born in Schoharie county. When very young his parents moved into Herkimer county. He learned the trade of tanner and shoemaker at Mohawk in that county. For some time he worked for Hon. Peter H. Warren at his trade. In 1832 he came into this town and in company with a man by the name of Wheeler occupied the Simplot tannery, then vacant. Mr. Wheeler carried on the tannery and Mr. Wain, shoemaking. In 1833, he purchased the tannery, Mr. Wheeler leaving, and from that time till 1865 he carried on both tanning and shoemaking, the Robertsons of Constantia purchasing the tannery. In 1838 he married Miss Lena Devendorf of Mohawk, and commenced keeping house. His married life has been exceedingly pleasant. His life has been characterized by fair dealing, an honest purpose and a progressive spirit. In early life he was a democrat, but became an abolitionist at an early day, and with that class of people merged into the republican party. In 1856 he was elected supervisor of this town, he being the first republican supervisor elected and has always adhered to his republican faith as expounded by Abraham Lincoln and Thaddeus Stevens, and the early founders of the republican party. Religiously he was always a staunch Universalist. He has always advocated temperance principles and other kindred reforms. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss. Truly a good man has fallen is the sentiment of his fellow citizens. His funeral was held on Wednesday last at his residence, Rev. Mr. Merrick offering prayer and the choir singing several pieces. He was interred in our cemetery.

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