

[Warden, Allen]

In Auburn, Oct. 31, Capt. ALLEN WARDEN, aged 73 years.—The subject of this notice was born in Vt. In opening manhood, with nothing but his axe upon his shoulder, he emigrated to Central N.Y., locating in what is now the township of Skaneateles. In 1816 he removed to the village of Auburn, then containing about 1000 inhabitants. Here he made his home until 1849, when he found it expedient to remove to Tenn., where he continued to reside until smitten, in Jan. last, by the disease—neuralgia—which terminated his days. Hoping that a change of scene and air might prove beneficial to his health, and desiring of it did not, to die in his own city, and be buried by the side of his kindred, he returned in Aug. last to Auburn. And here in the family of his [daughter and] son-in-law, ministered unto by affectionate children, he past [sic] the last few weeks of his mortal existence. To say that Mr. W. was greatly respected in the community where he so long lived, and whose interests he contributed so essentially to promote, would but feebly express the truth. He was a man to command respect. He possessed an imposing appearance, great energy, and independence, and integrity of character. From youth he was accustomed to form his own opinions. and to act in accordance with them, let the world say what it would. While therefore he sometimes made enemies as all such men do, he also made and kept many and firm friends. Never however did he cease to command the respect of both friend and foe. For years therefore he was one of the most influential citizens of Auburn, holding various offices both effective and appointive, the duties of which he discharged with zeal and fidelity. He was also a man of exceedingly social temperament. Nothing pleased him better than to be surrounded by his friends. As one entered his sick room his countenance at once lighted [sic] up with a cheerful and a very pleasant smile. And, as he remarked to the writer, he then forgot his sufferings. In religious belief he had been for years an undoubting Universalist. Few men contributed more than he to the establishment of the Universalist Society in Auburn, and few more ardently desired its prosperity. In accordance with his religious convictions he strove to live doing good unto all, and especially to the household of faith, as opportunity offered. Thus believing and thus living, his sick room was not without consolation. Though his illness was long and very painful, he bore it with great fortitude and christian resignation. When it became apparent that he must depart, he had but one wish to live, and that was for his companion and his youngest daughter. Assured that their wants would be supplied, he exclaimed, “Now I can die in peace... God sanctify his departure to his distant wife, whom ill health prevented being with him at his decease, and to all his children and friends.

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