[Washburn, Stephen Miles]

SEVENTY YEARS AT THE CASE
Stephen M. Washburn, Oldest Printer in the State,
Passes Away at Potsdam

Stephen M. Washburn, the oldest printer in the state, died at the home of his son, William Washburn, in Potsdam on Thursday morning, at the age of 89 years. On the ninth day of December last, Mr. Washburn fell, breaking his right leg above the knee. This injury, combined with his advanced age resulted in his death. Mr. Washburn was born in the town of Potsdam on the old Judge Allen farm about two miles south of the village of Potsdam. He attended the district school of the neighborhood until he was 16 years old, when he went to Prescott, Ont., and entered the office of the Greenville Gazette, a weekly paper published by his uncle, Stephen Miles. After remaining in Prescott for two years he went to Brockville, Ont. in 1835, where he accepted the position of foreman of the Brockville Recorder, a paper published by the mayor of the city, who also at that time occupied a seat in Parliament. After seven years of service in Brockville Mr. Washburn went to Belleville, Ont., where be established the weekly paper Victoria Chronicle, which he conducted until 1849. Mr. Washburn next entered the employ of the Watertown Weekly Reformer, where he remained for over fifteen years. In 1878 the St. Lawrence Herald, a weekly newspaper was established in Potsdam and Mr. Washburn came back to his native town as foreman of the new paper, which position he held until the consolidation of the paper with The Recorder a year ago. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the The Universalist Church. The Odd Fellows, of which organization Mr. Washburn had been a member for more than sixty years, attended in a body.

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