

[Whipple, Ezra S.]

Hon. Ezra S. Whipple

Hon. Ezra S. Whipple died Saturday afternoon at his residence in Springfield, after an illness extending over a period of several years. He was born in the town of Springfield, Otsego county, and passed nearly his entire life there, where he followed successfully the business of farming. He was one of the most successful hop growers in this locality, and as a judge of that crop had few equals. Several years of his life were spent in Richfield Springs, where he built the elegant house now known as Mather Villa. In 1844 Mr. Whipple was united in marriage to Miss Lavina Fake [who would die on 12 Jan 1897]. In politics he was always a staunch Republican from the foundation of the party. His first presidential vote was cast for Henry Clay. Universalism was his chosen faith, and he was always a firm supporter of his church and its doctrines. The community knew him as a courteous gentleman with a leaning towards the old school. He was a very popular man, and will be greatly missed by many not connected to him by ties of blood. In the days of town superintendency of schools, he represented his town in the capacity of superintendent. In 1859 the people of his district elected him to the assembly. He was a mason and a member of Evergreen lodge, F. & A.M., in Springfield Centre. His wife, a son F. Benton, and a daughter Jennie M., survive him.

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