

[Whitaker, William]

MEDINA

It is with genuine sorrow that the death of another loyal and highly esteemed member of our church must be recorded. Wm. Whitaker passed away at his home near Knowlesville on February 14. The funeral services were held from his late home on the 16th. Rev. John Sayles of Buffalo officiated. He leaves a wife and one son, John Whitaker of Buffalo. Mr. Whitaker had been in poor health for more than a year, and although at one time he was apparently improving and his family and friends hoped for his ultimate recovery, the seeds of an incurable disease had taken root in his system and there came an unfavorable change in his condition, after which he gradually but surely lost ground until the last. The end came peacefully and painlessly, and a few hours before he crossed to the "untrodden shore, and when he knew his feet were slipping o'er the brink," he said to his wife, "Oh, it is so beautiful, and I am so happy."...

Mr. Whitaker was born in the town of Ridgeway, Orleans Co. and spent his entire life of 67 years there. He was a man of pleasing personality and possessed many admirable traits of character. About two years ago, he with his wife, united with the Universalist Church of Medina and both have been faithful and loyal members; he was ever ready to do his part in whatever seemed to be for the interest of the church, and gave with liberal hand for its support. His deeds of kindness will long be remembered, and his genial presence sadly missed.

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