

[Whitney, Henry]

Henry Whitney

Passed to the beautiful home beyond, on July 14, Henry Whitney, in his 87th year. He was born in Rochester September 5, 1824, and when two years of age moved to Kendall with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Whitney, settling on the farm now called the Whitney Homestead, where he has resided ever since. When [he was] twelve years of age his father built the stone house and Henry drew all the stone from the Ridge road and lake shore for same. From boyhood he lived a very active life, adopting all the improved methods in farming and with a keen interest in all advancement the town has made. He served as highway commissioner for the town of Kendall continuously for fifteen years, elected for his thoroughness and dispatch. He and all his father's family were Universalists, and gave the ground where the church now stands, besides donating liberally for the building, and furnishings of same. Later on through unmistakable evidence he became a believer in Spiritualism—a step in advance, as he thought. His habits were exemplary, leaving to his children the greatest legacy a father can leave, the example and influence of a pure life, and the memory of a kind and loving heart. His whole domestic life was one of harmony, having been married seven years in his early days to Rowena Crane, a beautiful character, who left him for the life beyond at his early age of 32. He subsequently married Susan A. Douglass who survives him after 53 years of wedded life, and by whom he had three children, Etta R. and Douglass S. Whitney, both residing at Whitney Homestead; the other child passed away in infancy. He is also survived by one brother, Ira Whitney, and one sister, Catherine Moore, both of Lyons, N.Y.

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