

[Wilkinson, Lucian B.]

LUCIAN B. WILKINSON.

Lucian R. Wilkinson died Friday, February 8th, 1895, aged 80 years 3 months and 2 days. He had been sick about five weeks. Some months ago he had a fall from which he never recovered, and finally succumbed to dropsy.

Mr. Wilkinson was a better known character in this village 20 years ago than since, his infirmities latterly confining him to his farm of 50 acres just on the eastern edge of Cuba. He was born near Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 6, 1814, removed to the town of Allen, this county, in 1824 and to Friendship in 1829. In all his manhood he was a sturdy worker and he had a large contract for clearing stumps from the Erie right of way through this region. His natural fire was not abated in old age, and he was often heard to boast that he would live to be a centenarian, and no later than last summer his neighbors reported him as on his knees ditching and digging potatoes. Mr. Wilkinson once had a nice property but it was unfortunately invested, and the most of it was lost.

Like many pushing pioneers, Mr. Wilkinson was inclined to put the harsher features of his character on display, but beneath a rough exterior beat a warm heart and the soul of integrity. "Owe no man anything" was his business motto and "everything in its place" was the inscription on his fields and fences.

Good neighbors beat down the [snow]drifts in the vicinity of Mr. Wilkinson's home and Monday he was buried at Cuba, Rev. F. M. [Francis Milton] Alvord [Universalist] officiating at the funeral.

Mrs. Wilkinson [Marinda] died 14 years ago. Two children survive, viz: Richmond, living at Bradford, Pa., and Mrs. Livonia Moses of Friendship.

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