

[Wooden, William]

[Deaths] In the town of Chili, Monroe co., N.Y., March 25th, 1863, William Wooden, aged 83 years. The subject of this notice was born April 1st, 1780 at Newburgh, Orange co. N.Y., whence he removed with his parents, at the age of sixteen, to Seneca, Ontario co., then a wilderness. On the 2d of March, 1811, he came with his family into the town of Greece, where he remained six months, while he selected a farm in Chili, to which he removed immediately, and on which he settled during the remainder of his life, a period of 52 years. At the commencement of his journey, he broke for a riding whip a sprout from a Balm of Gilead growing on the beach at the foot of Seneca Lake. On arriving at his forest home he divided the shoot and placed the parts in the ground, from which sprung two trees, one of which is now standing, a large tree, measuring three feet in diameter.

Mr. Wooden was a man of great energy of character, and by industry and economy amassed a large property. His standing in the community was that of a man of probity, whose word was his bond. He was characterized by great general benevolence, giving largely of both money and effects to the poor, and during the early years of the country's settlement, when he was surrounded by poor families, suffering from the diseases incident to a new country, and destitute of the necessaries of life, his granaries became the common resource of all. He was indulgent to his family, and highly esteemed both as a friend and neighbor.

On account of extensive and varied information, as well as fine natural talent, he was called on to hold many town offices, all of which he filled with ability and integrity. Ten children survive him, and attended his funeral, all but one of whom were present at his bedside when he expired. In addition to his immediate offspring, he leaves 44 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren. He died much regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

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