

Stephen Hicks.

Ellisburg, May 24.—Stephen Hicks passed away at the City hospital, Watertown, Sunday night after an operation on Friday from which he failed to rally.

He was born on the old homestead, which he afterward owned, March 26, 1826, and his whole life was spent there. He was the oldest child of Barnett and Abigail Wheelock Hicks. Barnett Hicks came here from Massachusetts at the age of eight years and with his parents settled on this farm July 5, 1805. His grandfather, Stephen Hicks, was a patriot of the Revolutionary war and the old mansion which has stood for nearly 100 years has sheltered five generations of the Hicks family.

He was married to Elizabeth A. Hall Dec. 26, 1854 and they celebrated their golden wedding Dec. 26, 1904. He was a successful farmer and a man of excellent judgment. He lived a quiet peaceful life, honored and esteemed by all and exemplified the Golden Rule in his every day life and in all his dealings with his fellow men. For over 40 years he was an honored member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Belleville and for many years was one of the trustees.

Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Holley, and one granddaughter, Miss Marjorie Holley of Watertown; two sisters, Mrs. D. L. Rury and Mrs. Harriet Maples of this place, and a large circle of distant relatives.

The funeral services will be held at his late home on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m., conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. J. Carey of Belleville, and he will be buried in the Saxe cemetery.