

Erastus R. Sedgewick

Erastus R. Sedgewick, a well-known former citizen, died at 5 am last Saturday at Elgin, of a complication of diseases, after an illness of less than three weeks. He was conscious most of the time and gave various directions about matters in which he had been concerned. He was a well known character, a man of ability, wide reading and deep convictions. He was one of the staunch adherent and advocates of the Prohibition Party in this section of the country. While a resident of Bloomingdale he united with the Baptist church there. Mr. Sedgewick was born in Victor, Ontario County, N.Y. and at death was 66 years 1 month and 8 days of age. Fifty-one years ago, he came to Illinois with his father, the family locating near Bloomingdale and later near Aurora and elsewhere. About 11 years ago, he moved to Elgin, where he has since resided 850 Prospect St. He was greatly interested in keeping alive memories of old times at Bloomingdale and was historian of the association composed of former residents of that town, who hold yearly reunions. His endeavors accuracy in writing the records of the gatherings was appreciated by all. He was also much interested in tracing genealogy and for years had been collecting data for a history of the Sedgewick family. He had over 1,000 names and it was his desire to complete the work ere summoned hence. He leaves a wife and one son, Charles, the last of a family of eight; Mrs. A.M.C Todson and Mrs. O.J. Schults are sisters of the deceased. The funeral was held from the last residence at 8:15 am Sunday; thence by carriage to Bloomingdale Cemetery for interment.

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