

CYRUS A. CHIPMAN

Mr. Cyrus A. Chipman, who died August 2d, 1884 at his late residence in South Avon, was born in the town of Richmond, Ontario Co., NY, May 15, 1801 and was consequent – aged 84 years at the time of his death.

During the year 1821 he came to Michigan with his father's family in true pioneer style, 'roughing it' through necessity, until he reached the spot now occupied by the village of Rochester, although at that time there were but three houses here. His father having purchased a parcel of land from the Government, upon which the old homestead is now located, moved his family onto one of the three houses which formed the nucleus of our village and proceeded to build a home. And how much the word 'home' in this connection comprehended! Far, far from the scenes and associations of the old home in the East, everything assumed a different phase here in the wilds of Michigan. A new world, as it were, had opened up, and hereafter a new life with new purposes, new ambitions, new associations and new undertakings, lay spread out before the pioneer. Old things had with him, passed away, and a new order had been established. Yet he could not forget the time-honored scenes he had left, but as he had marked out a new course, he must walk therein, God helping him, until his way grew clear and fruition crowned his efforts.

Although the tale of pioneer life has been oft repeated, the present generation has but a faint conception of its stern realities. Mr. Chipman coming to this region sixty-three years ago, had passed through all the gradations and vicissitudes of pioneer life, and enjoyed as well, a good share of the blessings which grew out of the privations of that life.

In 1829 he was married to Mary Lawson of Macomb County and together the pair started out with () purposes and a determination to do their part in the great drama of life. She died in March 1876 at the old homestead, he surviving another eight years. Mr. Chipman was a man of stern integrity, strict uprightness, and although possessed of strong prejudices, was just and true to the principles of right and equity, a consistent Christian and a good neighbor.

Five children survive him, three sons and two daughters.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church, Rochester, Tuesday, August 5, Rev. L. S. Stevens, Episcopal Clergyman of Pontiac, officiating and the remains deposited in the Rochester Cemetery in the old family plot.

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