

Abbotts, beside her husband, on Tuesday, Rev. Frank O. Leonard of Cuba officiating.

During the past week, she had contracted a cold, followed by pneumonia. This, with the general breaking down, gave way to the grim reaper, whose hand it was impossible to stay.

Juliette E. Caswell was born in the town of Ischua February 23rd, 1833, in the house which still stands on the old home farm of Abbotts, now owned by her brother, Charles J. She was a daughter of the late Anthony Caswell, one of the earliest pioneer settlers of this section, and she was one of the oldest residents in the town of Lyndon.

She was married to Lewis Snyder, who passed away November 30th, 1886. To this union, five children were born: Mrs. Ellen M. Ogden of Franklinville, John L. and Orville A. of Abbotts, Elizabeth Snyder Scott of Lyndon, and Tena Genette Snyder, who died in infancy. She also leaves one brother, C. J. Caswell of Abbotts.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Snyder lived with her two sons on the home farm (in Ischua) they had purchased and which she loved so much, except as she visited with her other children and grandchildren, until her death.

The whole community extends its sympathy to her sons, whose faithfulness to her since her husband's death has been a rare example of filial devotion, she being blind nearly fifteen years of that time.

The deceased was an affectionate wife and the kindest of mothers. She found great comfort in doing for her children and others. She was patient in her suffering and self-sacrifice was one of her traits of character. She loved peace, and her home was a place where everyone received a hearty welcome.

The beautiful floral offerings but finally showed the love and esteem in which Mrs. Snyder was held. One we loved so much is gone. The voice we loved to hear is still. The place made vacant in the home can never more be filled.

MRS. DEWITT C. THOMPSON died at Ischua, Monday. Deceased, whose maiden name was Ruth Warner, was born in Franklinville, N.Y., May 11th, 1824 (the daughter of Morris and Susannah Warner).

In early life, she became a member of the Franklinville Baptist church, and for a long time she was a member of the church choir.

After the organization at Ischua, she became a member there and was when she died.

She was united in marriage to D. C. Thompson in 1846. She was the mother of three sons: M. Scott, Daniel W. and Avery L. Two sons, with her husband, are left to mourn their loss, and a few distant relatives.

The funeral was held yesterday at Ischua. A very large audience was present. Rev. George W. Varnum preached the sermon. (Death date - June 17th, 1902)

LYMAN M. THORNTON - son of Alonzo R. and Adaline (Stewart) Thornton, was born in the town of Yorkshire, or Old Delevan, near what is

now known as Delevan village, January 14th, 1846, and entered into rest from his late home in the village of Ischua at six o'clock Tuesday morning, December 22, 1903, aged 57 years, 11 months and 8 days.

His mother died while he was but a child and, at ten years of age, he removed with his father to the town of Ischua. In 1865, he was married to Miss Delina A. Chase, whose eyes closed in death October 6th, 1873. Four children came to bless this union: Frank G. Thornton, now living in Buffalo; Mildred A., now Mrs. Maurice D. Williams of Olean; Fred J. Thornton, who died at the age of 17; and another son who died in infancy. On March 28, 1875, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Anna Haines Moon, who survives him, together with a stepson, Arch D. Moon, to whom he gave a father's love and counsel from early boyhood; also one sister, Phoebe, now Mrs. Stephen Osgood of Ischua.

On July 29th, 1862, the deceased enlisted in Co. C., 154th Reg. N.Y.S. Vol. Infantry, serving with honor and distinction until mustered out of service at Washington, D. C., June 11th, 1865. Among the battles of the great Civil War in which he participated were those of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Wauhatchie Valley, the pursuing fight with the rebels from Missionary Ridge to Knoxville, the battle of Manassas Gap and Junction and the great decisive battle of the war, Gettysburg, where so many heroes fell.

When about 36 years of age, he was led to realize his need of a practical valid hope in the life eternal and, responding to the Holy Spirit's call, made a personal, never-ending choice of the Lord Jesus Christ to be his abiding Friend and Savior. To that deceased veteran pastor, Rev. George W. Varnum, belongs the honor of having led Lyman Thornton through the baptismal waters and into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Franklinville, N.Y.

In 1885, he, with others, took letters from their respective churches, cast his lot with the little band of Baptists here in Ischua, assisted in organizing and became one of the consistent members of the First Baptist church of Ischua, which, to the day of his death, he loved with loyal devotion and strove to maintain with heroic persistency and self-sacrifice, as is well known to every steadfast member.

In 1901, he retired from active partnership in the firm of A.D. Moon and Co. to a life less laborious, but continued in quiet, unpretentious good works, as so many of us can testify. Always considerate of those less fortunate than he, maintaining with quiet dignity the offices of public trust and responsibility to which he had been chosen, counseling with wisdom and prudence in all societies with which he affiliated; a public-spirited, energetic and universally respected citizen, a representative townsman, a true friend, a faithful brother, a kind father, a loving husband and a noble Christian man, Lyman M. Thornton leaves a record for which all who knew him may justly feel proud.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church, Undertaker Wade of Franklinville directing. Text of the sermon was the first three verses of the fourteenth chapter of John, and the subject was "Sorrow's Comforter." The words of the text were chosen because they were very dear to and oft quoted by the deceased while living.



Prof. Hamilton Terry and Milo Raub of Franklinville, with Mrs. Will Wildrick of East Hill, assisted local talent in singing. The floral tributes were beautiful in expressions of tender sympathy: a wreath of green and white from his sister, a calla lily from Mrs. Wm. P. Guild, Sr., and a broken column of roses from "The Boys," young men of the village, attesting their esteem for the departed and sorrow with the afflicted, were among the tokens which bespeak a fellowship in suffering with an eloquence greater than words.

Several veterans of Fair Oaks Post, G.A.R. escorted their comrade's remains to the burial place; Commander Abbott and Wellington Learn, Nelson Wagner and Allen Williams, Charles Wagner and William Osgood, being the honorary bearers. The active bearers were six Past Grands of Ischua Lodge and Encampment, representing the honors of I.O.O.F., to which the deceased had also attained. Charles C. Baxter and Buell Rose, Elam T. Seward and Harvey L. Williams, William P. Guild, Sr., and Wellington Nottingham conferred the last sad rites upon the remains of their departed brother.

Thus the earth closes over all that is mortal of our departed and beloved brother, but the memory of his cheerful presence, sterling character and goodness of heart are cut with ineffaceable chiselings on recollection's walls, to be, to each of us, as perpetual as life...

From the I.O.O.F. Lodge:

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our rank, by death, our beloved Past Grand and Brother, L. M. Thornton, and

WHEREAS: we realize that, by his death, Ischua Lodge No. 755 has lost an earnest and honest worker in Odd Fellowship and one who always tried the very best he could to practically demonstrate the three great principles of our order, Friendship, Love and Truth, in his everyday world in life and in all his dealings with mankind.

WHEREAS: we feel that the community has lost one of its best and worthiest members, the church a faithful Christian, and the family, a loving husband and father, therefore be

RESOLVED: that in memory of the brother we so much loved, and as an expression of our appreciation for him, this resolution be spread upon the record and that the charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

MRS. SUSAN THRALL - widow of Brigham N. Thrall, whose death at her home on Maple Street (Cuba, N.Y.) Wednesday, February 28th, 1917, was mentioned previously in this paper, was born at Green, Chenango County on March 25th, 1829, and she was the daughter of Nehemiah and Ruthanna Wilson.

Her parents and an older brother moved from Green to the farm in Ischua when she was ten months old. They traveled with oxen and wagon, and before reaching Ischua, they had to put runners under the wheels on account of the deep snow. The country was rough and thickly wooded, so the underbrush had to be cut in many places to make a road and the land had to be cleared to build a log house. When a little girl, the deceased walked to school at Ischua village, a distance of three miles.

She married Brigham N. Thrall October 1st, 1848. They made their home on a farm on Union Hill (Ischua) until 1892, when they moved to Cuba, where Mr. Thrall died in January of 1914. (born June 18th, 1828-died January 4th, 1914.)

Four children survive: Mrs. Jonathan D. Farwell (Alice), Mrs. M. V. Karn, Charles W. and Lowell N., all of this place (Cuba). Arthur L., the youngest, died June 17th, 1912. Mrs. Thrall also leaves one sister, Mrs. A. L. Boone of Franklinville, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. The funeral was held from the home, Rev. E. C. Carder officiating.

All who knew Mrs. Thrall loved her and can testify to her Christian life and example. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church where she loved to worship. The world has been brighter for her having lived in it and Heaven will be richer for her presence.

BENJAMIN CROSBY TOWNSEND - The remains of the late Benjamin Crosby Townsend were brought to Ischua from Portville Saturday last for burial. (He was born in 1821 and died March 1st, 1906.)

Mr. Townsend had spent at least sixty of his eighty-five years as a resident of Ischua. He was for many years one of its leading citizens, having held office in the town for probably forty years. He was also Postmaster and kept a grocery store for many years.

He is survived by a daughter, Cora (Mrs. Fred Sherman of Buffalo); a granddaughter, child of a deceased daughter; and the family of Claude Townsend of Portville, N.Y.

(I'm fairly sure the granddaughter was Clara Brown, the daughter of Frank and Annie Townsend Brown.)

Benjamin Crosby Townsend was the son of Benjamin and Ada Page Townsend, who came to Ischua in 1829. Benjamin and Ada had seven children: Zebina, Philo, Sally, Chester P., Sophia, Marilla and Benjamin C. The elder Benjamin has the distinction of being the first brickmaker in town.

Benjamin C. married Hestyra Bacon (b.1836-d.1875), whom I think was the sister of Benjamin Bacon of Ischua. The Cattaraugus County Gazeteer of 1893 stated she was Mr. Bacon's daughter, which, in my estimation, was an error. She was the daughter of Amos, Jr. and Eunice Hall Bacon, noted as "Hestiva" in Bacon genealogy, "Three Bacon Brothers," by Marian Fox Graves (1981).

Benjamin C., like his father before him, was also a brickmaker and a farmer, as well as a storeowner.

Claude Townsend married Lena H. Seward, the daughter of Elam T. and Amelia Hibner Seward.)