

ORRIN BRADLEY MOSS

Orrin Bradley* was born in Cheshire, Conn., September 15, 1806. He learned the carpenter's trade in New Haven, and in 1827 moved to Walworth, Wayne county, N.Y., where five years later he was married to Matilda Delano. In 1833 they removed to Cheshire, Ontario county, N.Y., and there lived twenty-one years, moving back to Walworth in 1854. In 1870 he came to Angola with his family, and resided here until the death of Mrs. Moss, which event occurred April 17, 1885, after fifty-two years of happy wedded life. After his life companion and devoted helper was taken from him he made his home with his children here and in New York state. Mr. and Mrs. Moss were the parents of twelve children, only five of whom are living: Mrs. Jerome Lawrence, of Walworth, N.Y., Mrs. Anna L. Osburn, Mrs. Lewis Freeman, Mrs. Edgar Field and Frank D. Morse,* all of Angola.

In 1843, in company with Hiram Delano, Mr. Moss made a tour of the great west, going as far as the Mississippi and then returning to their homes in Cheshire, experiencing great difficulties on the way. Mr. Moss was charmed with the country and desired to locate in the west, but his family objected and he gave up the idea.

Mr. Moss was a man of more than ordinary attainments (sic). He was possessed of a high order of intelligence, a well balanced mind, a strong will and iron constitution, and endowed with a warm and affectionate nature, he commanded the confidence and respect of the community and endeared himself to his friends. Beginning life a poor boy, by his industry and careful business habits he amassed considerable wealth.

He died Sunday, August 3, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lawrence, in Walworth, N.Y., and brief funeral services were held there Sunday afternoon, Rev. Johnson, of the Methodist church officiating. The remains were brought to Angola, and services were held Tuesday afternoon, August 5, at the home of Lewis Freeman, after which burial occurred at Circle Hill cemetery.

*Orrin is spelled this way in the obituary but as "Orin" in the title of the obituary. Also, the surname of Frank is spelled "Morse" although one would expect it to be spelled "Moss."

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