

Artemus Silver

Dec. 11, 1822 - March 10, 1907

Artemus Silver passed from this life at his home in Albany on March 10, after an illness of about five years during which time he was unable to walk.

The funeral was held from the house on March 20 being conducted by Elder E. P. Graves and the remains taken to the family lot in the Exeter Cemetery for interment.

The deceased requested Elder Graves, 12 years ago, to preach his funeral sermon if the elder survived him. Elder Graves also conducted the funeral services of Mrs. Silver who passed away six years ago last October.

Mr. Silver was a genial gentleman and much esteemed by all who knew him and until his mental faculties failed him, was very companionable and was a man of wide knowledge. Mrs. Silver also was a well educated lady and one of the pioneer teachers in this section.

The following is from the Green County history: Artemus Silver, one of the pioneers of Green County was born at Salem, Pennsylvania on Dec. 11, 1822. When he was 3 years old his parents moved to Mercer County where he was reared to agricultural pursuits.

In 1844 he came to the territory of Wisconsin and visited Green County but did not settle here at that time. He returned to Mercer County where he was married on March 12, 1845 to Harriett Colton a native of Chautauqua County, New York born on October 21, 1824. Five weeks later they started for Wisconsin. They came by way of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Galena and completed their journey to Green County over land. They stopped three weeks in Monroe where he rented a piece of land and put in a crop and came to Mt. Pleasant and lived with Pliny Colton until fall. He then entered 40 acres of land on Section 11, Township 3, Range 8 East now known as Mt. Pleasant. At the same time he laid claim to other lands, hiring men to enter the same at 25%. He first built a log house which they occupied 8 years, afterwards building a good frame house. He engaged largely in raising grain and stock. They had six children three of whom are living: Truman, Marvin and Flora.