

JESSE HAZEN

We this week record the demise of Jesse Hazen the father of Mrs. John M. Norton, of Avon, which occurred at Novi the 9th inst., at the ripe age of 71 years.

Mr. Hazen was born in the State of NY, in the year 1802, where he resided until 1832, when he removed to Michigan and purchased a farm in Novi, Oakland County, upon which he lived until the time of his death. Not unlike most of our pioneers, Mr. Hazen had a large family of children – eight in all. His wife dying in 1847 he was consequently left to struggle along with this large family on his hands which he managed to keep together until the girls, six in number, all got married.

Seven children survived him, of whom as we before stated, Mrs. J. M. Norton is one. Of five brothers and two sisters, one sister and brother only survive, namely: Mrs. Champlin Green of Farmington, the mother of Mrs. J. K. Hudson, of this village, and Paul W. Hazen, of Plymouth, who is now in his 81st year, having served his country in the War of 1812, for which he is now receiving a pension.

As a man, the deceased had in common with humanity, his faults, but he was always upright and honest in his business transactions, benevolent, an exemplary neighbor and good citizen and was highly esteemed for his many virtues by those who knew him best.

Peace be to his ashes.

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