

WILLIAM SWAYZE

Wm. Swayze, who died in this village last Saturday evening, August 6th, was a man who will long be remembered as a splendid, wholesouled man who it was a pleasure to greet.

He was born at Hope, Warren Co., NJ, March (3, 1805). Was married to Anna Maria Vliet, March 10, 1830. They removed to Avon in 1845, settling on the farm in Southeast Avon. In 1860 moved to Rochester, where his wife died April 10, 1863. May 11, 1864, he married Mrs. Eliza Ann Butts, who survives him. He also leaves two children by his first wife, Austin and Mrs. Mary Cole.

Up to two years ago, Mr. Swayze had been engaged in the livery business when he was stricken with paralysis, and obliged to retire from active life, since which time he had been nearly helpless. About two weeks ago he received two strokes, from which he did not rally.

Mr. Swayze's funeral was held from his late residence in this village last Tuesday afternoon, under the auspices of Rochester Lodge F & A M of which he was an honored member. The sermon was preached by Rev. E. Jacobs, of Lapeer. A vast concourse of people followed the remains to the grave where the last impressive rites were performed by the Craft he loved so well. It was the largest funeral held in Rochester in years, and attested to the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Swayze left considerable property which was left by will to his wife and children. His wife gets the homestead and 80 acres of land; at her death it goes to her son, Dr. Butz. His son Austin gets 160 acres of land in Macomb Co., and his daughter 80 acres in Avon with the buildings. Harvey J. Taylor was named as executor of the will.