

ABRAHAM D. YERKS.

Abraham D. Yerks, an old and respected citizen of this place, and a representative of one of the old families early residents on the Philipsburgh Manor, passed quietly away on Monday morning last to the 81st year of his age.

He was one of the ten children of John and Catharine Bee Yerks, of whom only one, Peter Yerks, of Ardley, now survives. He was born on the old Yerks homestead near Unionville, now owned by a Mr. Gibson, and has always resided in the town of Mt. Pleasant. He was the grandson of James and Sarah Bee Yerks, his grandfather having been a Patriot and active participant in the Revolution, as his son John was in the war of 1812.

Mr. Yerks learned his trade as shoemaker with Henry Storms at Unionville, and was married to Miss Maria Minnerly, Oct. 20th, 1831. Coming to Tarrytown he worked at Benedict Bee's corner with Abram Van Tassel for awhile. On the opening of the Hudson River R. R. he was employed for a few years as Flagman, and in 1858 went to work with Mr. N. U. Tompkins who was then in business on the old Ayer's corner now occupied by the Tarrytown National Bank.

After that he was in business for himself for a time on Cortlandt Street, and from there came to Main St., in 1867, engaging in business with his son Moses Yerks, on the site of the present Samuel Scott & Co's building, and so continuing there and in the present boot and shoe store on the opposite side of Main St., until 1890, when he retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Yerks have had five children, of whom two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Covert and Mrs. Edward Moynereux, and two sons, Moses Yerks and Austin Yerks, with their aged mother, survive. Mr. Yerks originally united with the Reformed Church at Unionville, and on coming to Tarrytown united with the First Reformed Church of this place, of which he was a consistent member these many years. The funeral was at his late residence on DeFuyeter St., on Wednesday [at 2 p. m., Rev. J. E. Allen officiating. His life though quiet and unassuming was characterized by an unflinching courage and a deep faith in the Christian religion.