

TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO - CEMETERY SURVEY

AUSTIN, CALVIN - DEATH DATE - October 02, 1819

COMMENTS

Calvin Austin was probably in Warren, OH in 1800, coming from Sheffield, CT. There was no lack of patriotic enthusiastic demonstration at Warren on 4th July 1800. Calvin Austin was present to participate. He was a prominent man, one of the first justices of the peace. He resided on the west side of Main Street. His sons Seymour and Calvin were prominent merchants. He was also associate judge of the common pleas court 1802-1807. In 1804 he was elected the first treasurer of the Old Erie Lodge #3, free and accepted Masons (granted a charter on Oct. 19, 1803), an emblem of the Masonic Lodge is engraved on his monument. He served in the War of 1812. In 1813 he was elected on the Board of Directors of the Western Reserve bank, he owned 200 shares of Western Reserve bank, value \$5000. His wife Martha, also of Sheffield CT. died 13, Nov. 1850 in Pittsburgh.

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OBITUARY

DIED--Instantaneously, on Saturday evening last, of this place, CALVIN AUSTIN, Esq. in the 58th year of his age. He was one of the original proprietors, one of the earliest settlers, one of the fathers of the Connecticut Western Reserve. His frank hospitality, and his warm-hearted liberality, made every stranger his acquaintance, and endeared him alike to them, and to his neighborhood. While such traits of character are respected, and the services the deceased has rendered to this section of the country are recollected, the memory of Judge Austin will be fondly cherished by all who knew him personally or by reputation.

Western Reserve Chronicle - 28 Oct. 1819

The following obituary notice states a circumstance, which, although it occurred in this place, was unknown to us until it appeared in the Ohio Spectator. It would afford us more pleasure to contradict than to confirm; but we find it too true. The paragraph is republished at the request of several respectable gentlemen.

From the Ohio Spectator

DIED--Suddenly, on Saturday, the 2nd ult., Calvin Austin, Esq. of Warren, Trumbull County. His remains were borne by his Masonic brethren, on Monday, to the Court House, attended by a numerous collection of his acquaintance, among whom was recognized with pleasure, many who commenced the settlement of the country with the deceased. An appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Stone, to an attentive audience; after which the corpse was interred by the brethren, agreeably to the ancient usages of the craft. To the discredit of the order, and afflicting to the feelings of the mourners and brethren not actors, two of the brethren, immediately after the last sad office of interment was performed, prayed out a capias, in direct violation of every Masonic, humane principle, against one of the sons of the deceased, a Mason, who attended from an adjoining county, to discharge this last filial duty. To the honor of civilization, such instances are rarely recorded; and the brethren deeply lament, that those who profess to have been enlightened by the virtues of the order, should be callous to every generous emotion. [Communicated]