

Boone County, Ill., with the early settlers of Northern Illinois, and married nine years later. In 1877 he removed to Waterloo, Iowa, where he died, 1887. Like his brothers, he possessed great physical strength and vigorous health, which carried him through life with scarcely a sick day, and singularly free from the pains and ills of life which ordinarily fall to the lot of men. He was a farmer by occupation, and but moderately successful. He knew what hard labor was, and what it was to struggle against adverse circumstances, yet he acquired sufficient to make him comfortable in old age, and his life-work and character are to his family a richer legacy than gold. Probably his strongest characteristic was his faith in God. He had a cheerful, contented, and hopeful disposition, and received the good which fell to his lot with thankfulness of heart, and accepted his trials and misfortunes with the utmost patience and Christian fortitude. Cheerfulness was a part of his religion, and when his approaching end cast its shadow over his family, he still urged them "to cultivate a cheerful spirit," and asked his daughter to continue to "sing about the house as usual." His Christian experience had extended over a period of fifty years, during which time he had been a valued member of the Baptist Church. He had an extensive acquaintance, and every one a friend. He possessed a rich vein of humor, was fond of joking; keen at apt illustration, he was seldom at a loss for a fitting story, which always had a pointed application, and always at his best when rallied. In the early days of pioneer life in Illinois, his resonant voice was heard far out on the prairies, and his hearty laugh inspired to cheerfulness the hearts of the whole neighborhood."

—*Edwin*²⁴⁰ *V. Hayden (1884)*.

488. **Hiram Hayden**, Coldwater, Mich. (Elijah²¹³, Elijah²⁴, David³¹, Ebenezer¹¹, Daniel², William¹); born March 19, 1802; died, Coldwater, July 18, 1841, æ. 39; married, Jane —; she died Sept. 1, 1863.

CHILDREN.

- 845 RHODA M., b., Ripley, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Aug. 19, 1827.
 846 BETSEY A., b., " " " " Nov. 7, 1829; m. D. E. Williams, Coldwater, Mich.
 + 847 ALONZO C., b., Ripley, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Dec. 28, 1831; m.
 + 848 WILLIAM S., b., " " " " July 10, 1835; m.
 849 MARIA J., b., Coldwater, July 26, 1837.