

While living in Amenia and thus engaged, he married Miss Polly Leach, of that town, on the 23d day of January, 1787, with whom he lived happily until her death, which occurred July 23rd, 1814.

At the beginning of the present century Mr. Davies determined to withdraw from active business in the town of Amenia, and closing up his affairs in that place, he removed to the town of Poughkeepsie, in the same county, which he adopted as his future home, and where he passed the remainder of his life.

He did not resume the business that had engaged his attention while in Amenia, but seeing that the town to which he had removed gave promise of future growth and prosperity, which has since been realized, he invested the capital he brought with him in the purchase of lands, within and adjacent to the limits of Poughkeepsie.

This property he prudently and skillfully improved, and the investments he made, increased by his efforts, and assisted by the growth of the town, soon gave him excellent returns, and ultimately produced for him an ample fortune, which was inherited by his children.

His life was through its long extent, uniformly and progressively prosperous, and singularly free from the vicissitudes that frequently mark the careers of those who are the makers of their own fortunes.

He was remarkable for a clear, sound judgment, which he always used in his plans and undertakings. He avoided all rash speculations, and made no efforts to obtain extravagant returns from his investments, but was content to secure such moderate recompense as is sure to follow the exercise of industry, perseverance and patience, directed by foresight and prudence, and his course, guided by these principles, was one of assured and uninterrupted success.