

career having been born a slave, and to escape that tyranic bondage, fled north, locating this town, where he married and reared a family of three children and for many, may years (his reputed age was 112 years) borne the cares and responsibilities of an American citizen with honor and fidelity. The funeral occurred at his late home Sunday, and the interment took place in the rural cemetery near there. (1892)

(1892) Death of an Aged Negro:

HUMPHREY SMITH, a colored man, who has been known in this vicinity as long as most any living person can remember, died at his home on "Blue Hill," in the town of Yorkshire, about five miles east of Springville, Nov. 4, at the remarkable age of 108 years. There is no doubt that was his correct age, according to proofs. MR. SMITH was born near Richmond, Va., of slave parents in 1784, but escaped to the north when young, and lived on Grand Island, in this County for a number of years, when some sixty years ago he moved to his farm of 100 acres in Yorkshire, where he died. For a number of years he worked at blacksmithing, also at teaming, well digging, etc. He had two daughters, and a son who was in the Union Army, and was killed in battle. He was industrious and honest and was respected by all who knew him. -Springville Local News.

Death of REV. LANGMADE:

REV. N. F. LANGMADE died suddenly at East Otto Thursday (yesterday). The funeral is announced for Saturday, tomorrow, at the Baptist Church in this village at 1 p.m.

NATHAN FOLLETT LANGMADE:

The death of **REV. N.F. LANGMADE**, briefly announce in last week's issue, took place at his late home in East Otto on Wednesday evening, July 26, 1899, at about 6 o'clock. The end came suddenly. He was walking in the field back of his home, when heart disease overtook him and he fell lifeless. The deceased was born in the town of Yorkshire, in the house now occupied by **DANIEL BISHOP**, seventy-four years ago. At an early age he experienced religion, and when only eighteen he erected an amateur pulpit in the now abandoned school house in the Cheney district. For two years his young ministerial efforts were confined to that neighborhood. Persistent efforts resulted in ordination in 1859 and his work in the Baptist pulpit was crowned with success. He was a member of the 154th N.Y. Volunteers and followed that regiment for two years, both as a private and chaplain. He preached in Delevan a long time, at one period six years in succession, and in other places an equally unbroken period. He was highly esteemed by everybody, both saint and sinner, and his memory will long be cherished. Of his family there is left a widow and one daughter. His remains arrived overland on Saturday and the funeral took place in the Baptist Church at one p.m. sermon by **REV. SCOVIL**. The interment was in Mapledale. And as the earth closed over one who had given more than half century to the expounding of God's Word and the uplifting of mankind, a spirit seemed to whisper, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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