

Authenrith, Jacob Sr._1839-1917_husband of Mary Pryor_St. John's Cemetery, Newport, Herkimer County, New York

Jacob Authenrith was born at Deerfield March 23, 1839. He acquired his education in the village school at New Hartford under the principalship of Thaddeus Harrison.

When old enough to work, Mr. Authenrith learned the currier's trade in the tannery of Dillow & Bangs at Clinton. After learning the trade he worked and lived in Vermillion, Oswego County, New Hartford, Syracuse, Troy, Stillville, then back to Whitesboro, and then in 1877 came to Middleville, which afterward was his home. He found employment in the Thomas Hide and Leather Company tannery in this village, and two years later was made foreman, holding that position for 14 years. Since 1897 he assisted his son in the undertaking and furniture business, having been most of the time in charge of one of the branch stores at Poland and Newport. In politics he was for many years a Republican, but in 1912 he joined the Progressives, in which cause he was very much interested. He never held or sought any political office.

Mr. Authenrith was a member of the Episcopal Church at New Hartford. He married Miss Mary Pryor of Clinton, April 2, 1860. She died November 5, 1910. He leaves four children, W. E. Authenrith of Middleville, Jacob Authenrith, Jr., of Newport, and Misses Amelia and Minnie Authenrith of Middleville; three sisters, Mrs. Thomas Jerrema, St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. Julia Allen, Sauquoit, and Mrs. Edward Lyons, New Hartford, and one brother, George W. Authenrith, Chicago.

The deceased was an honest, industrious man, who worked hard, being much respected and largely trusted by his employers. He rendered very valuable service as foreman in the Middleville tannery, and retiring from that continued his activity in business lines where his work was characterized by integrity and fair dealing. He was well informed on current topics, took a good citizen's interest in public affairs, but was in no sense a politician. He was a man of fine appearance, cheerful disposition, courteous manner, and made many friends in the communities where he lived. A man who had known him for more than a score of years said that nothing save good could be honestly said of him. He put many under obligations to him for kindnesses and courtesies, and will be much missed in the community where he had lived so long.

Description: Obituary