

A short sketch of the life of
Dra Lapham,

He was born in the town
of Adams, Berkshire Co., Mass, Nov 2nd
1778, was the eldest son of Abraham &
(Esther Aldrich) Lapham, who came to the
Greenlee country in 1791. He was brought
up in the faith and doctrines of the Friends.
was of small stature, with hair as
black 'as the raven's wings'. He was in
politics originally of the Jacksonian stripe,
but never a party enthusiast. When the
Anti Slavery party was formed, he espoused
the cause and was always to be found
on that side of the question. He early
fell in with the temperance movement,
and so strongly, that once being chided
for using Tea & Coffee, replied, "well if tea
and coffee, are intoxicating or stimulating
I'll take no more of them", and ever after
discontinued their use. He was ~~always~~ of
a friendly and social disposition, always
seeming to enjoy the company of his kin
and of strangers who fell in with him.
He was of an active temperament, ever
finding some thing to occupy his time.
In the pioneer day, when houses were

to be built for settlers, it was his special pleasure, to be present and assist, in rearing them, and it was often at his Feast! Ho! that the timbers were raised up. Undoubtedly he purchased, and sold, or gave, more separate tracts or parcels of land, in the town of Macedon, than any other citizen. It was during his 67th year, when he ordered the granite monument, from the state of Vermont, and which came by way of the Erie Canal. Four horses were used, in drawing the stone from the Purdy & Millets dock in Macedon, to the place, where it stands. (I am of the opinion that there was no direct-cause for the act, except his own ideas.) I know that he was always active in seeing that lasting marks were placed at the boundaries of certain tracts, or farms.

He took for a wife, Polly Beal, and reared a family of seven children, to man & woman hood. But one son grew up, who removed to Allegany Co. in 1839. The six daughters, were all married, resided and died, in the town of Macedon. There were at one time about forty five living grand-children.

Joe lived until a part of his 92nd year had passed, retaining his mental vigor in a remarkable degree, and died on 6th day of July, 1870, "like a shock of corn fully ripe for the harvest" and was buried in the friends burying ground at Farmington.

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