DIED: On the 22d inst. in this city, James Dean, aged 53 years.

Judge Dean was the eldest son of the late James Dean of Westmoreland, and was the first white child born within the limits of Oneida county. Few men have been more highly esteemed than was the deceased, both as a man and a citizen. He has discharged the various and important official stations with an ability and integrity which won the approbation of all; and there are few whose loss will be felt more deeply, or by a wider circle of friends.

His funeral will take place this afternoon at half past 2 o'clock, from the Reformed Dutch Church in Broad St.--Com.

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JAMES DEAN

Was the son of Judge James Dean, of Westmoreland, or Dean's Patent as it was once called, was born there in 1788. He is said to have been the first male child born within the present limits of Oneida County. It was while he was still an infant that occurred the rescue of his father by three Indian women, wives of Oneida chiefs, from the judgment of the council of the tribe that he should be suffer death in atonement for the murder of an Oneida by some one without the tribe—an incident that is related by William Tracy in his "Men and Incidents of Oneida County," and which is paralleled only by the romantic story of Pocahontas and Captain Smith.

The son was graduated at Union College in 1810, receiving the highest honors of the class, and three years later became a tutor at Hamilton College, which position he held until 1819. In 1820 he was elected a member of the Assembly from Oneida and Oswego. When and where he studied law is not known, though it is certain that he was then living in New Hartford, where he married his first wife and built the story and a half cottage the first story of which lies against the hillside on the right hand side of the road leading to Clinton. In 1825 and until 1828 he was treasurer of Hamilton College. About 1828 he removed to Utica and soon formed a partnership with Walter King, which was not, however, of long duration. During the years 1834-37 he was treasurer of the city and in 1839-40 was county clerk. He built the brick house that stood on the upper part of the site now occupied by Grace Church and afterward the house of Devereaux Street subsequently used by the Utica Club. Here he died May 23, 1841.

Mr. Dean was an accurate scholar in the Greek and Latin classics and well informed in English and French literature. It seems as if he should have given his life to teaching and to literary pursuits. He loved the county of his birth with enthusiastic attachment, and inherited his father's friendly interest in the Oneidas, manifesting it often in personal benefactions to members of the tribe. He was a Christian gentleman, cultivated, tasteful, refined, modest, perhaps too modest to be successful in the aggressive work of his profession, yet in the highest degree trustworthy in all his professional work. Mr. Dean married secondly, Mrs. Mary upson, who survived him many years.

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Died: At Utica, on the 22d. ult., Hon. James Dean, aged 52 years. The deceased was educated at Union College, where he was distinguished for his classical attainments. After his graduation he commenced the study of law in the office of the late Judge Platt, at Whitestown, and continued there until the commencement of Hamilton College in 1812, when he was appointed one of its tutors, and spent several years as one of its first instructors. He subsequently commenced the practice of the law at New Hartford, but after remaining there seven or eight years removed to Utica about the year 1822, where he has since then resided. He was at an unusually early age elected a member of the legislature from Oneida county, and during a very considerable portion of his professional life has been judge of county courts. In 1837 he was elected clerk of the county. For several months his health has been declining, but until very recently neither he nor his friends had apprehended any cause for alarm. On Tuesday of last week his disease assumed a more severe character, and since then it has made rapid progress until its termination. His mind continued active to the moment of dissolution, and he viewed the approach of the King of Terrors with perfect composure and the full assurance of Christian hope.

At a meeting of the members of the Bar of the city of Utica, held at the office of the Circuit Judge, on the 24th of May, 1841. His hon. Judge Gridley was appointed chairman and C. P. Kirkland, Secretary.

The following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of JAMES DEAN this community has sustained the loss of a most worthy and esteemed citizen, who in the various public employments to which he had been called, acquitted himself with credit and success; who was a zealous friend and enlightened advocate of the cause of Education, Morals, and Religion; while his professional brethren are deprived of one who presented an unvarying example of honor, integrity and virtue.

Resolved, That in testimony of our regard for the memory of the deceased, we will in a body attend his funeral and wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family and numerous relatives of the deceased in the great bereavement they have sustained, and that the officers of this meeting express to them our condolence, and communicate to them a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the various city and county papers.

C.P. Kirkland, Sec'y.

P. Gridley, Ch'n.

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