

ISCHUA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH MARVIN OLDER

Marvin Older, was born Aug. 22, 1810, at Middletown, N.Y., and came to Franklinville in July 1818. He had less than five months schooling in his whole life, and that was between the age of 13 and 15 years; but he had a passion for reading and study, and he acquired a tolerable education through these channels. He began teaching school when but 18 years old, and followed the profession at intervals of 40 years. For ten years he was chairman of the Regents Board of Examiners in Ten Broeck Academy. He served three years in the Civil War, and was Sergeant of Company I, 6th N. Y. Cavalry. During the latter part of the service he was detailed as clerk in the Orderly Depar't. At the time of his death in March 1897 he had been a resident of Franklinville longer than any other person living at the time. Mr. Older was a very able speaker and writer. He delivered the dedicatory address of Morgan Hall in 1885. He was a frequent contributor to the public press and several chapters in the Cattaraugus History were written by him, besides many biographies. He was a scholar of the old school, and a conspicuous figure during his lifetime.

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