

Owen, Asa,

Was born in New York, Orange County, Feb. 15, 1785. He removed to Damascus county, Penna., where he was a lumber man for several years, and came to Michigan in June 1830 entering land in Orion township, when there was not a man living north of him. Detroit was his market and he went to mill there with an ox-team. He built a log-house and cleared and improved his farm where he remained until 1877, when he passed away in his ninety-third year.

He was supervisor of Orion township 1837-38. County Assessor at the first town meeting April 15, 1835. Also served as commissioner of the common schools. He was also treasurer of the township, and was respected as one of the organizers of the township. He had to go to Pontiac to vote and even beyond there to obtain help enough to raise his log-house. He had brought with him means when he came west, and owned at one time quite a large tract of land. He had an honorable record as a soldier in the War of 1812.

The first wife of Asa Owen was Lucinda Corwin of New York, who died a few years after they came to Michigan, leaving five children. The second wife was Martha Owen and came from Pennsylvania to Michigan with her father at an early day. One of his children was Jayson T. Owen who was born March 8, 1846.

Masonic record. He is supposed to have received his degrees in some Lodge in Connecticut. Became a charter member of Orion Lodge No. 46 January 10, 1851.