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## WILLIAM LUTTENTON SR. 1838 - 1909



*In action faithful, and in honor clear; Who broke no promise, served no private end, Who gained no title, and who lost no friend.*

*-Alexander Pope*

William Luttenton Sr., a life long resident of Orleans County was born in the Town of Albion, then Barre, in 1838. He was one of five children of Almond and Livona Luttenton, an early pioneer family of this area, William's education was gained in the district school and two years study at the Albion Academy. With ambition to succeed and a love for education he excelled. He was outstanding among his classmates. For fifteen years he pursued teaching as a career in the district schools. He was also engaged in farming for over forty years, living most of this time in the eastern part of Barre.

At the age of twenty-two he married Terfruhling Thompson, They had nine children, two dying in infancy.

In 1883 he was elected assessor for the Town of Barre, a post he held for eleven years. He was then elected Supervisor of Barre for two successive terms, the first beginning in 1894. He was also, during this time, chairman of the Orleans County Board of Supervisors. In 1887 he was elected Director of Insurance of the Town of Barre, a position he held for over twenty years. In 1904 he was chosen to serve upon the State ditch commission of Barre. This was an exceedingly difficult task because of drainage problems affecting so many different individual farmers.

Also in 1904, Mr. Luttenton was elected secretary of the Mt. Albion Cemetery Commission. In 1908 he was elected treasurer of the Orleans County Agricultural Association. In politics he was a Republican. In religion he was a Universalist.

His lengthy obituary states in part : "Mr. Luttenton combined those qualities of faithfulness, honesty, patience, tact and sound judgment, which so admirably fitted him to hold any position of trust and responsibility...In clerical work, which he was called to do, the neatness of his books, his accuracy in figures and careful systems were marked features."

Upon his death he left his wife of almost fifty years and five children. They were Cora V. Luttenton, Mrs. Journal Salisbury, Mel, Will and Homer Luttenton and wide circle of devoted friends.

### NOTICE:

May 10 Mother's Day the Cobblestone Museum Complex will be open Free to the public from 1 - 5.

May 31 (Sunday) Spring Tour of Mt. Albion Cemetery 2:00 P.M. with Bill Lattin and Neil Johnson.