[*From the Utica Daily Observer, Sept.* 10, 1867.]

It is our mournful duty, to-day, to record the death of one of our oldest and most respected citizens, ALEXANDER B. JOHNSON. He died last evening, at the ripe age of 82 years. He had been in a feeble state of health for the past four months, and confined to his house for about a month, but his immediate departure was not indicated until Sunday evening, when he began to sink rapidly. His death was from the natural failure of the physical system, consequent upon advanced age. His strong intellect remained unimpaired to the last, and his death was painless and peaceful.

Mr. JOHNSON's long life has been almost entirely spent in our City. He was born in England, in 1786, and passed his earlier years in London. He came to America and became a resident of this place about 1800, being then fourteen years of age. His father, Bryan Johnson, had located here the previous year, and soon became a thriving citizen and a prominent merchant in the new settlement. Tradition ascribes to Mr. Bryan Johnson the honor of giving the name "Utica" to the infant city. Thus, Mr. ALEXANDER B. JOHNSON was a resident of Utica for the long period of sixty-seven years. He was at first a clerk in his father's store, and afterwards assumed the entire management of it. At a later date he was prominent in the organization of the old Utica Insurance Company, an institution now remembered only by our oldest citizens. Some time after the establishment of the Ontario Branch Bank in Utica, he became interested in it, and for many years was its chief manager. During the long period that he gave his personal supervision to its affairs, it was a highly prosperous and successful institution. Since the closing of the Bank, he has occupied himself exclusively in the management of his large private interests and in the pursuit of his favorite studies.

Mr. JOHNSON wrote extensively on literary, political, and other subjects. Several elaborate works on the science of language, and the science of banking, and a large number of political pamphlets, with newspaper contributions sufficient to fill many volumes, are among his printed remains. For the past two or three years, he had been engaged in an autobiographical memoir, which he left in a finished condition, and which, it is to be hoped, will be preserved in a printed form. He was a person of marked and

peculiar character, just and upright in every relation of life, kind, indulgent, and affectionate to all within his widely-extended family circle, and eminently sagacious in business matters, accumulating a large fortune by fair dealing, and improving and preserving it by prudence and judicious management.

We hope at an early day to be able to publish a more extended notice of the lamented deceased.

[*From the Utica Daily Observer of Sept.* 12, 1867.]

The death of our venerable fellow citizen, ALEXANDER B. JOHNSON, Esq., has evoked from the pens of two of our most respected townsmen, the Tributes which we publish to-day. While one narrates the incidents of his life and defines clearly the features of his long career, the other kindly but accurately measures the character of Mr. JOHNSON. What is wisely and well said of a man who has occupied for years the prominence Mr. JOHNSON enjoyed, need not be commended to the perusal of our readers.

Mr. Alexander B. Johnson.

[*From the Utica Morning Herald of Sept.* 12, 1867.]

The following obituary notice of the late ALEXANDER B. JOHNSON, was prepared by a gentleman of this city who has enjoyed an acquaintance of half a century with the deceased:

Mr. JOHNSON was born at Gosport, in England, on the 29th of May, 1786, but spent his boyhood in London. His father, Mr. Bryan Johnson, removed to America in 1797, and in that year came to Utica, and established himself in the somewhat rude trading and mercantile business of that time. He was very successful, and held an honorable position among the leading men of that "formation period." His store was on the north side of Whitesboro street, between Genesee and Division streets. He retired from business in 1807 or 1808, with an ample fortune.

Mr. JOHNSON came from England to Utica in the spring of 1801. He was associated with his father, not, technically, as a partner, but as having all things in common. They had no separate or different interests. His earliest important individual enter-