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The Village of West Troy, Albany County, N.Y. was incorporated in 1836. In 1896 West Troy became a part of what is now the City of Watervliet.

The West Troy Advocate Newspaper was issued every Wednesday from its commencement in October of 1837 to its demise c1865^{**}. William HOLLANDS sr was the Advocate's first publisher and upon his death in 1853, his son William jr assumed management of the paper.

The vital statistics and other news items in this work were copied from the issues of the West Troy Advocate deposited in the storage area of the New York State Library. The issues dated 22 Sept - 28 Dec 1858 and those dated after 6 July 1864 are missing from this collection.

I have tried to copy the articles as verbatim as possible but paragraphing and punctuation may vary from the original. In a few cases where the event took place in some other part of the country, was uninteresting and unconnected with local people, I did not copy the notice. A few notices are merely abstracted but for the most part, the notices are complete as they appear in the paper.

The items that were copied were marriages, deaths and SOME news items that I found interesting and/or amusing. It must be noted that everything in this collection of newspapers was not copied i.e. gold rush items, Civil War items. The papers must be referred to for this type of information.

Local clergyman and coroners are not indexed. See History of Albany County by Howell for information on West Troy churches and their ministers.

^{**} History of the City of
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