

Clarion, April 2024

A Murder on Catamount

On September 8, 1875, Joseph Riley Farnsworth, a 35-year-old Civil War veteran and sheep farmer on Catamount Hill, was steps away from home after a day's trip to Greenfield when he was brutally attacked. Barely able to drag himself the rest of the way and unable to communicate, he died the next morning.

The search for the perpetrator will be the subject of a Colrain Historical Society program at 7:30 on the evening of June 13 following the Society's 7:00 business meeting in the Stacy Barn behind the Pitt House at 8 Main Road, Colrain.



Riley Farnsworth's grave marker in the West Branch Cemetery