

[Cheney, Asa]

Bemus Point Cemetery

Cheney, Asa. b. Aug. 13, 1826 Town of Ellery. d. Sept. 25, 1906 Town of Ellery. bd. Sept. 27, 1906 Lot 247 G—5. Age 80/2/12. s/o Calvin & Lydia (Bly) Cheney. Asa born in a log cabin on the farm where he died. Md. Mar. 21, 1850 Town of Ellery- Catherine "Kate" Griffith. Asa Cheney supervisor in Ellery in 1877-1884. He lived on a farm owned by his son, Mark, returning in 1878 to the farm where he died. He was a twin to Abel Cheney who went west in early manhood and settled at Black River Falls, Wis. Asa educated in Ellery schools and Jamestown Academy. He taught school several terms in Ellery. Asa settled on east side of Chautauqua Lake, the grandson of Jonathan Cheney who purchased land on west side of lake. Great-grandson of Daniel Cheney. Asa began farming on his own account, becoming in time the owner of one of the finest farms on the main road between Bemus Point and Jamestown, one-half mile west of Belleview school house. This he cultivated with a high degree of success, disposing of his products in the local markets, and he became one of the substantial farmers of the community. His success was due entirely to his indefatigable industry, intelligence and knowledge of agricultural methods. Mr. Cheney gave much of his time to activities of public benefit, and took a prominent part in local affairs, displaying a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community. He served his fellowmen in a number of official capacities, among these offices being supervisor of the town for seven years. He did much to advance the agricultural interests of Bemus Point and the surrounding region, and was an active member of Union Grange, Jamestown, for many years. He was interested in financial institutions of Jamestown, among them being the National Chautauqua County Bank, Bank of Jamestown, and the Farmers and Mechanics Bank. In his religious belief, he was a Universalist, attending the church of that denomination in Bemus Point, where he was regarded as one of the prominent members of the congregation, and was a trustee of the church for eighteen years.

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