

[Crofoot, Gideon D.]

Death of Gideon D. Crofoot

One of Le Roy's oldest and best known citizens, Gideon D. Crofoot, died on Monday morning at 6 o'clock from a complication of diseases, from which he had been a sufferer for several months. Mr. Crofoot was taken sick in September, and since October has not been able to leave the house. He was a good citizen and of genial, kind disposition, and will be missed from the community.

Mr. Crofoot was born in 1815 in Scipio, Onondaga county, N.Y., and was the son of Joel and Mary Crofoot. In 1816 he removed with his parents to Pavilion, where he lived until 1854, when he removed to Le Roy, settling upon his farm, one mile south of this village, where he resided until his death. In 1843 he was united in marriage to Louisa Hannum, of Pavilion, who survives him. The very pleasant and successful celebration in January, 1893, of the completion of their 50th year of wedded life is still fresh in the minds of many.

Mr. Crofoot was one of a family of 7 children, all of whom survive him, as follows: L.A. Crofoot, Leonard Crofoot and Mrs. Charlotte Hannum, of Pavilion; Mrs. Charles [Mary] Cravens, of Toldeo, Ohio [wife of Rev. Charles Cravens, who was a former minister at the Le Roy Universalist Church], and Messrs. George and Dudley Crofoot, of Michigan. He also leaves four children: Fred H. and William R. Crofoot, of Le Roy, Frank M. Crofoot, of Wavely, Washington state, and Mrs. E. A. Royce of Chicago.

Mr. Crofoot never aspired to any political office, but devoted his time to the care of his large and valuable farm, and was known as being one of the largest peach growers in this section.

He was one of the founders of the Universalist church in Le Roy and also of the Le Roy Academic Institute.

The funeral was largely attended this afternoon from his late home, Rev. John A. Copeland [Methodist] officiating. The remains were interred in Machpelah cemetery.

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