

[Drake, Francis]

Francis Drake

The death of Francis Drake, an aged and highly respected resident of the town of Otsego, occurred at his home in Pierstown Tuesday night at 11 o'clock. Mr. Drake had been in poor health for about a year and for the past eight weeks had been confined to his room although his condition had not been regarded as serious until Sunday night when he was taken worse and rapidly failed until the end.

Mr. Drake was the last survivor of five children of Ovid and Harriet (Wheeler) Drake and was born July 29, 1843. The most of his life was spent on the farm where he died. He was one of the best known farmers in this entire community where he was esteemed by all as a good neighbor and friend and sterling citizen.

On January 21, 1868, over sixty-one years ago, he was united in marriage with Martha L. Cole, who survives, together with six daughters and one son: Mrs. J. C. [Florence] Dubben of Schenevus, Mrs. Flora Dubben of Schenevus, Mrs. Charles Byrnes of Cooperstown, Mrs. Dewitt Sperry of Elk Creek, Miss Mary Drake and Mrs. Charles [Harriet] Knowlton residing at home, and Chauncey Drake of Cooperstown. There are also surviving a large circle of grand-children and great-grandchildren among whom is Miss Katharine L. Byrnes who lives at the Drake home.

The funeral will be held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. George C. Boorn [Universalist] officiating and burial will be made at the Fly Creek cemetery. Six of his grandsons will act as pall bearers.

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