

[Gano, Thomas P.]

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Thomas P. Gano, a native of Otsego county and for practically all his life a resident of the town of Middlefield, died early Sunday morning at his home near Westville. He had been in failing health for the past year, but his condition had been critical for only about two weeks. The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at his late home, the Rev. George E. Boorn of the Universalist church at Cooperstown of which he was a member, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Wesley A. Miller of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milford, and interment was made in the family plot in the Westville cemetery.

The deceased was one of the eleven children of Philip and Eveline (Wilsey) Gano, and was born November 20, 1836, in the town of Westford, and was the last of the family to survive. He was married January 8, 1860 to Clymena Saxton, and their home thereafter was for many years on his farm on the Cherry Valley creek, about a mile from Westville. Mrs. Gano died April 27, 1893, and in November, 1895, he was married to Mrs. Mary E. Hawver, then of Oneonta. In 1912 he sold his farm to Ernest Jewell and had since resided in Westville.

He is survived by his second wife and by two children of his first marriage, Mrs. M.M. Jewell of Milford, and Seth B. Gano of Belmont, Mass.; also by ten grandchildren, Ernest Jewell and Mrs. Ethel Ottoway of Westville; Mrs. Beatrice Chamberlin of Hartwick, Mrs. Charles Alexander of Franklin, Harold Jewell of Schenectady, Helen and Kenneth Jewell of Milford, and Barbara, Drusilla, and Cynthia Gano of Belmont, Mass., besides seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. W.R. Saxton of Oneonta is a brother-in-law of the deceased.

Mr. Gano was of early colonial stock. His first ancestor in the United States, whose name was spelled "Geneaux," was banished from France and came to America prior to 1600. He was a man of noble qualities of mind and heart, generous in thought and deed, and during his nearly ninety-one years of useful life had been deeply interested in the welfare of the community in which he had always resided, his home from birth having been at no time more than two miles from the village of Westville. He was for many years a justice of the peace of Middlefield township, and in that position, as in his daily intercourse with his fellow men, he was distinguished by fairness and impartiality, blended with much kindness of spirit. By all who knew him his death will be deeply deplored.

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