

[Gaylord, John B.]

DEATH OF A NATIVE OF THIS COUNTY

Lewis Gaylord, of this city, received the news of the death of his brother, John B. Gaylord, of Auburn, on Tuesday. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of that city. We clip the following eulogy from the Auburn *Bulletin*: "Mr. Gaylord was born at New Hartford, Oneida county, nearly eighty years ago. He removed to Auburn when twenty-three years of age, and has resided here since that time, a period of fifty-seven years. He was a foundryman by trade, and worked in an old foundry which stood on the present site of the New York Central depot when he first came to this city. By industry and frugality he accumulated a small capital with which he started a foundry on Water street, where Burtis & Sons' barns are now located. This was in 1838. He was very successful and his business was quite extensive. He made castings for D. M. Osborne when he first commenced the manufacture of mowers and reapers. He was also among the first to manufacture iron plows, and in this way he became widely known through the country hereabouts. He speculated largely [i.e. extensively] in real estate and at one time owned considerable property. He built the Gaylord House, now the Avery, on State street, and the Case house, on Lewis, where he resided for years. He at one time owned all that tract of land where Lewis avenue now is, besides numerous other pieces of property. He closed his foundry in 1870, and gave much attention to his real estate interests. He afterward opened a foundry on Mann street, which he conducted until 1880. About three years ago he fell and broke his hip, and since that time has been confined to his house. In politics Mr. Gaylord was a Republican, and as such was several times elected a member of the common council. He was an attendant at the Universalist church, and during his long residence in this city made many friends, who will sympathize with his family, which consists of a wife [Caroline] and one daughter, Mary A. Gaylord, of this city; two brothers, Thomas Gaylord, of Auburn, and Lewis Gaylord, of Rome; and two sisters, Mrs. Grace A. Dodge and Mrs. Jennie Hurd, of Oneida."

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