

[Gilchrist, Peter C.]

PETER C. GILCHRIST

Peter C. Gilchrist, long a well known and esteemed resident of Oneonta, passed away at his home, 15 Watkins avenue, Sunday morning, of acute heart trouble. He was born in the town of Springfield, this county, May 16, 1839, the son of Andrew F. and Elizabeth (Lent) Gilchrist. He resided there until the Civil War, when he enlisted as a member of the 152d regiment but after a few months of service he was discharged on account of illness. He returned to his home and on February 26, 1863, was united in marriage with Florence C. Smith of Hartwick, in which place they resided for about a year, after which they removed to Waterloo, Indiana, where he engaged in business for a few years. They then removed to Monmouth, Ill., and later to Plano, Ill., where he engaged with the C. B. & Q. railroad and soon rose to the position of conductor in which capacity he served for several years. Afterward they resided at Galesburg and Aurora, Ill., returning to their native county in 1872. In 1873 he came to Oneonta and, after a short term of employment with Bunn & VanWie, he embarked in business under the firm name of Smith Brothers and Gilchrist, his brothers-in-law being associated with him. Later they retired and for eighteen years he conducted a grocery store. Since his retirement from trade he was for a number of years engaged on the police force of Oneonta. Recently he had lived a retired life, finding keen enjoyment in the cultivation of his garden at which he was an adept. The deceased was one of the charter members of the Chapin Memorial Universalist church and one of its most loyal and devoted adherents. He was also a member of the E. D. Farmer post, G. A. R., and for years had been its chaplain. Surviving are the wife of more than half a century, one son, H. Elmer Gilchrist of New York City and an adopted daughter, Mrs. Clarence D. Sewell of Hobart. He leaves also two brothers, A. C. Gilchrist of Enders Lake, Neb., and George W. Gilchrist of Flycreek, and two sisters, Mrs. Anne Rathbun of Rutherford, N. J., and Mrs. Phoebe L. White of Springfield Center. The funeral was held from the late residence at 15 Watkins avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. L. C. Nichols of the Chapin Memorial Universalist church officiating, and the body was brought Wednesday morning, to Cooperstown for interment in the Gilchrist plot in Lakewood Cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 6 Oct 1916