

[Gillett, Walter A.]

WALTER A. GILLETT

Walter A. Gillett, 85, one of Perry's older residents, passed away in his home 32 South Center street Saturday morning. He had been in failing health for several years, and very ill several weeks past. The illness caused him great suffering which he bore with patience and resignation.

Mr. Gillett was born in Gainesville December 18, 1851, the only son of Isaac and Sarah Whitney Gillett. There were two daughters in the family and when the children completed the education available in Gainesville, the family moved to Perry where the children entered the Perry Academy.

[On] April 10, 1879 he was united in marriage to Nellie E. Tomlinson, completing 57 years of married life last spring. Their only child, a daughter, Mrs. Harold [Ruth Marion] DeWolf[e], passed away in January. After their marriage they resided for a few years on the family farm near Gainesville. Later they moved back to Perry where Mr. Gillett entered the employ of the Clark Williams dry goods store.

After the death of Mr. Williams and until the disastrous fire in the business section of Perry, Mr. Gillett conducted a dry goods store of his own. He then went to Rochester and was employed in the Sibley [Sibley, Lindsay & Curr] store, coming back to Perry later to take employment in the Wise department store. For two years, prior to his retirement, he was in the Tomlinson flouring mill.

For many years Mr. Gillett served as janitor of the Universalist church, being a member of that church since a young man. He was also one of the oldest members of Constellation Lodge, F.&A.M., having been a paid-up honorary member for some time.

Besides the widow he is survived by four granddaughters, Mrs. Clark [Virginia] Sowerby, Perry, and the Misses Mary Elizabeth, Helen and Lois Cheney of East Rochester, two nephews, Earl Milks and Royal French of Scio.

The funeral service was held in the home Monday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. L. [Lewis] R. Lowry of the Universalist church officiating and interment was in the family lot in Hope cemetery. Masonic services were conducted at the grave. Bearers were Clark and Chester Sowerby, Earle Milks, Roy French, Harold DeWolfe and Robert Cooley.

Relatives and friends from out of town attending the final rites were Mrs. Theron Jackson of Cleveland, Royal French and Mr. and Mrs. Earle Milks of Scio; Mr. and Mrs. Vertulon Pond and Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Brooks of Pearl Creek; Mrs. Lillie Hutchinson, Lewis Wells and family of Pavilion; Mrs. Darwin Shaw, sons Darwin Jr. and Richard, Mrs. Catherine Spillone of Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooley of Batavia.

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WALTER AUGUSTUS GILLETT

Walter Augustus Gillett, 85, who has been steadily failing in health during several months past, died last Friday, Oct. 9th, at his home, No. 32 South Center street.

He was born in the Town of Gainesville on December 18, 1851, one of three children of Isaac and Sarah Gillett. He was the youngest of the three, two sisters having preceded him to the beyond.

On April 10, 1878, he was married to Nellie E. Tomlinson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Tomlinson of Perry. They were parents of one child (Ruth) Mrs. Cheney DeWolf[e], who died on January 30th of this year.

In his young manhood he was employed in the dry goods store of the late M.C. Williams & Co., afterward going into the dry goods business for himself, which he conducted during several years. After discontinuing that business he entered the employ of Tomlinson & Son in their milling business, remaining until the death of the members of the firm.

He was a member of Constellation Lodge No. 404, F.&A.M., of this place during practically half a century and was treasurer of the organization many years.

In his young manhood he united with the First Universalist Church of this place, sang in the choir for several years, and was always an active, loyal and devoted member.

After retiring from the flouring mill he devoted his time to truck gardening and for a few years he was janitor of the church. He was always interested in civic affairs and as long as his health permitted was more or less active in participating in community affairs. Genial, warmhearted and friendly, a man of integrity, he had the respect and high esteem of hosts of friends, whose floral tokens were numerous and beautiful.

Funeral services were largely attended at the family residence at 3 o'clock last Monday afternoon, Oct. 12, with Rev. Lewis R. Lowry, his pastor, officiating.

Interment was in the family lot in Hope Cemetery, where services at the grave were conducted by W.M. Floyd Robinson of Constellation Lodge.

The following named relatives and friends from out of town were in attendance at the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brook and V. Pond of Pearl; Mrs. Orr of Pavilion; Mr. and Mrs. Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wells, and Darwin Shaw and two sons, and Mrs. Catherine Cheney, of Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Milks and Royal French of Scio; Mrs. Theron Jackson of Cleveland, O.; Harold DeWolf, Lois, Mary Elizabeth and Helen Cheney of East Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooley of Batavia.

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