

[Gillis, Edgar L.]

Edgar L. Gillis

Another old and influential citizen completed the journey of earthly life yesterday morning. Mr. E. L. Gillis of the firm of E. L. Gillis & Son, has passed to the higher life. For the past five years Mr. Gillis and his son have been in the general store business in Clarendon. The firm has kept a good store and has been deservedly prospered, but for about the same length of time the elder Mr. Gillis has been a sufferer from sugar diabetes. His last illness however was cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Gillis leaves to mourn him, of his immediate family, his wife [Ida *Matson* Gillis], his son Floyd and his daughter, Mrs. A. Waite of Holley, his father [John Gillis], four sisters and five grandchildren.

As a young man Mr. Gillis followed the mason's trade but for the last 20 years he has been in various kinds of business. He has dealt in poultry and its products considerably, also, sold insurance and stocks in large quantities.

Mr. Gillis was born in Scottsville, N.Y., June 12, 1855. While yet very young his parents moved to Clarendon, of which town he has ever since been a resident. He was a home man, and noted in our circles for being a good provider in the home, and his purse was ever at the disposal of those who needed his help. He will be truly mourned by a great number of relatives and friends who have lost a real friend.

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Edgar L. Gillis, a resident of this place for nearly 50 years, died at his home Wednesday July 5th, aged 56 years. He had been in poor health for several years, but his death was due to cerebral hemorrhage. For the past 5 years, Mr. Gillis and his son have kept a general store in this place, and have prospered. He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, and his son Floyd, and a daughter, Mrs. A. Waite of Holley, a father and four sisters. His funeral was held from his home Friday July 1, Rev. L. [Lewis] H. Robinson, of the Universalist church, officiating.

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