

[Gregg, George]

Fox Hunter Lived To Be 100 Years Old
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Canandaigua's oldest citizen, George Gregg who celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary on May 24, died suddenly this morning (Dec. 19, 1942) at his home, 230 Bristol street. Although he had not been out in some weeks he had been in his usual health.

Long identified as Ontario County's veteran fox hunter, with a total bag of 249 over a period of 86 years, Mr. Gregg's hoped-for goal of 250 was foiled in his 87th year when he trailed a fox in the South Bristol Hills, wounding but failing to capture the animal. Mr. Gregg also hunted deer, rabbit and other game and was interested in fishing. He was the oldest state resident to take out a fishing permit at the age of 98.

Born in Bristol in 1842, he was the son of John and Lucy Case Gregg. His grandfather, a British officer left wounded on the battlefield at Lexington, settled in that township at the close of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Gregg was educated in Poughkeepsie Business College and conducted his 280-acre farm, including raising of hops, until 50 years ago when he sold it to his oldest son, the late John B. Gregg, and moved to Canandaigua.

On his 21st birthday in 1863, Mr. Gregg was married to Miss Lovisa Case, who died on Mar. 31, 1923. They had six children, of whom two died in infancy and two within the past few years, Dr. George W. Gregg and John B. Gregg.

Mr. Gregg attended the Universalist Church of Bristol. He was honorary president of the Case Family Association.

Since a boy of 12, he had kept a daily diary and his desk was filled with the records down through the years. Until recently Mr. Gregg had been exceptionally active for his years. He was an inveterate reader and kept abreast of the news by this means rather than the radio due to deafness. For the past year Mr. and Mrs. Jack Haight had resided with Mr. Gregg.

Survivors are two sons, Orestes I. Gregg, East Lansing, Mich., and Oliver C. Gregg, Rochester; also nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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