

[Hinman, Cerena Palmer]

Grove and Cerena (Palmer) Hinman, were both natives of the town of Norfolk, Litchfield County, Conn., and resided in that town until after their marriage. In 1812 they came to New York, and located in Oneida County, making the long and tiresome journey overland with teams of oxen and horses. The country was then mostly in the hands of the natives; and Mr. Hinman leased a tract of timbered land from the Indians, and erected a log house, which he and his family occupied for some time, being among the first white settlers in that vicinity. He had much natural ability as a mechanic, and turned his attention to the business of a carpenter and joiner, making considerable money in that occupation. Later he purchased some land, and began the improvement of a farm, buying more land occasionally, until his possessions aggregated two hundred and thirty-five acres, and he became one of the leading farmers of the place. He was an influential citizen of the community, doing well his part in developing the resources of his adopted town, and served ably as Supervisor and Assessor, besides filling other important offices. He and his wife were both prominent members of the Universalist church. Both spent their last years on the homestead, he dying in 1859 at the age of eighty-two years, and Mrs. Hinman in 1840, when sixty years old. To them were born a family of sixteen children, fourteen of whom grew to maturity and three are still living.

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