

[Jarvis, Frederick T.]

FREDERICK T. JARVIS

The death of Frederick T. Jarvis at his home at Hartwick Seminary removes one of Flycreek's oldest and most highly esteemed inhabitants. He was a native of that village having been born on the premises until recently owned and still occupied by Miss Palmyra Green. Mr. Jarvis was a very interesting gentleman to converse with and related many reminiscences of earlier days in connection with his boyhood. A man of large and varied experience with a ready wit and ease of address than made him an agreeable speaker. He was always a welcome guest wherever he chanced to be and his unquestionable position on the Temperance question won the admiration of sober minded people. His demise is sincerely regretted by a host of friends. Condolence and sympathy for the bereaved wife at the close of a long married life is extended to Mrs. Jarvis. The family have the sympathy of friends in this bereavement.

Mr. Jarvis was a son of Chester Jarvis, and a life long resident of this county. His mother was Aurelia Content Morris, a native of the town of Otsego. He was born in the town of Otsego, Sept. 22, 1822, and the greater part of his life was spent in that locality. As a young man he attended a seminary at Lowville and after completing his education the spirit of adventure took him to the gold fields of California. He went by way of the Isthmus to San Francisco and returned in a sailing vessel. Soon after his return to his native home the call for volunteers came and he enlisted in 1862 as a member of Company I, of the One Hundred and Fifty-second New York Infantry. After several months' faithful service he was discharged on account of disability.

In 1868 Mr. Jarvis began farming on the place where his death occurred and he has been very successful. He took especial pride in horticulture, and his orchard was one of the most famous in the county. From no less than five hundred trees he produced many fine varieties that have been admired year after year at the county fairs. He was also a good dairyman and conducted his farm in a systematic way, and articles upon agricultural and horticultural matters contributed by him to various papers were always received as valuable and practical.

Mr. Jarvis married Minerva J. Steere, a native of the town of Hartwick, on Nov. 16, 1843, and she survives him. Their domestic life has always been most happy. They celebrated their golden wedding thirteen years ago, and were anticipating their seventieth anniversary. Four sons are living: Frank G., Chester B., Ira S. and J. Wilson Jarvis, all of Hartwick Seminary. He leaves also four grandsons, Charles and Sidney of Hartwick Seminary, Edwin of Flycreek and Henry Jarvis of Toledo, Ohio. All acquaintances will regret the death of this worthy man and extend to the family the deepest sympathy in their loss.

The funeral of Mr. Jarvis was held Monday afternoon and there was a very large attendance of neighbors and friends. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. [Edward] A. Perry of the Universalist church at Cooperstown, assisted by Dr. Alfred Hiller of Hartwick Seminary. The bearers were all veterans of the civil war and were Prof. W. H. Martin, G. H. Hillis, H. E. Perry and Michael Little. The ritual service of the Grand Army of the Republic was rendered at the house. The interment was made at Fly Creek.

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