

[Jarvis, Ira Steere]

IRA STEERE JARVIS

The death of Ira Steere Jarvis, a life-long and highly esteemed resident of this community occurred at about 11:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, where he had been a patient for about two weeks. While visiting relatives at Syracuse some time ago he became ill but the serious nature of his condition was not apparent until he underwent an operation at the hospital ten days preceding his death.

Mr. Jarvis was one of five sons of Frederick T. and Minerva J. (Steere) Jarvis and he was born July 13, 1861 at Mt. Morris, the Jarvis family homestead on Christian Hill in the township of Hartwick. There he spent the first seven years of his life and there he returned to pass its final year, since he had made his home during the past twelve months on the old place, which, strangely enough, is now occupied by Fred Jarvis, although he bears no relation to the family of the deceased.

In the year 1868, the family moved to the Morgan Northrup farm at Hartwick Seminary, which was the home of the deceased until about eight years ago, when he disposed of the place to the present owner, Porter R. Backus. He was educated at Hartwick Seminary and took the degree of A. B. from Hamilton College in 1886 with high honors including Phi Beta Kappa. As a young man he taught school for a short time in the Hinman Hollow district.

As was the case with his father, Mr. Jarvis devoted the greater part of his active life to farming. He had exceptional ability as a horticulturist and dairyman, having amplified his training by taking short courses at the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca during the winter months. During the later years of his life he acted as a solicitor of the Cooperstown newspapers, a work for which he was well fitted on account of his wide acquaintance throughout the county.

He was a versatile writer and contributed many interesting articles for the local newspapers, among which none were so widely read as those dealing with former residents, customs and occurrences of this locality. He was an ardent advocate of causes in which he believed and gave many forceful declarations of his principles in the columns of the county press.

He was a life-long member of the Universalist church, of the Fly Creek W.T.C.U., and the Sons of Veterans of Cooperstown.

Surviving are one brother, J. Wilson Jarvis of Hartwick Seminary, and four nephews, J. Sidney Jarvis of Hartwick Seminary, Charles E. Jarvis and Edwin M. Jarv of Fly Creek, and Henry K. Jarvis of Syracuse.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of the Messiah, Universalist, the Rev. Charles Kramer, the pastor, officiating, and burial will be made in the family plot at the Fly Creek Cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 9 Mar 1936