

[Kaple, Lawrence A.]

Lawrence A. Kaple

The death of Lawrence A. Kaple, aged and highly respected resident of Cooperstown for many years, occurred Friday morning of last week at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Beadle of Whig Corners, where he had made his home since last July. Mrs. [Maude Parshall] Beadle was a cousin. Although his last illness extended over a period of about a week he had been in failing health for more than a year.

Mr. Kaple was the son of Bela and Sally (Coffin) Kaple and he was born in Westford May 12, 1847. After finishing school he taught schools in this locality for some time and was later engaged in farming. For 13 years he was conductor on the Cooperstown and Susquehanna Valley railroad, now the Cooperstown branch of the Delaware & Hudson railroad. He retired in 1902 but continued to make his home in Cooperstown. He was a man of genial, kindly nature, as immaculate of character as of his dress. A wide circle of personal friends will feel a keen sense of loss in his death. He was one of the oldest and most prominent members of the Mohican club and as long as health permitted delighted in its associations.

Mr. Kaple married Miss Eola Griffin of Westford, whose death occurred over thirty-five years ago [in 1895]. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. Howard Clark of Whig Corners; two nephews, Frederick Parshall of Plattsburg and Dr. Edward B. Kaple of Syracuse, and several cousins.

The funeral was largely attended Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Brown & Tillapaugh Funeral Chapel, the Rev. Charles Kramer, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating, and burial was made in the Middlefield village cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 12 Nov 1937

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