

[Moyer, Peter]

VAN HORNESVILLE

Peter Moyer, an old and respected resident living about 2 miles from our village, died at his home last Sunday [8 Dec.]. He had been in failing health for a long time. The funeral was held Thursday [12 Dec] at 1 o'clock. Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward, of Richfield Springs, officiating.

Richfield Springs Mercury, Richfield Springs NY, Thu. 12 Dec 1901

MOHAWK VALLEY GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

From "The Jacob S. Moyer Family of Van Hornesville, N.Y."

By D. W. Kaufmann, Dearborn, Michigan

Per Hardin and Willard, 1893, 2, pp. 204-5, "Moyer, Peter, Stark, was born where he now resides, in Stark, September 4, 1816, a son of Jacob S. and Elizabeth (Moyer) Moyer. Peter Moyer received a common school education, and at the age of 28 leased the homestead, which he worked until his father's death. He bought the homestead and paid off the heirs. He has since bought three other farms, two in Stark and one in Little Falls, comprising 368 acres. He has served two terms as supervisor on the Democratic ticket, is a Granger, and a member of the Universalist Church."

The following reference is pertinent: Hardin and Willard, 1, p. 351. "Following is a list of supervisors of this town (Stark) 1872-73 Peter Moyer."

He never married and according to his nieces Harriet and Rose and his neighbor Dan Countryman and others, this was probably due to the responsibility of caring for his aged parents on the old homestead, and also his unmarried sisters Betsey and Lucinda and his widowed sister Ann Eliza Golden.

According to Beers' Herkimer Co., p. 282 "Peter Moyer was born in Danube, N.Y., September 4, 1816, and has held the office of supervisor of Stark two terms, 1872 and 1873."

We may take Beers' statement on the Danube birthplace with reservations, and may also consider the date of birth 1818 in the following obituary notice as being incorrect.¹ The obituary is a newspaper clipping in the possession of Maud Cooper Smith, dated in pencil Dec. 15, 1901, as follows:

¹ Peter's gravestone in the Van Hornesville Cemetery gives his date of birth as "Sept. 4, 1816" and his date of death as "Dec. 8, 1901."

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"In the death of Peter Moyer, which occurred at his home near this village Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, the town of Stark suffers the loss of one of its best citizens. Deceased had been a patient [patient] sufferer for some years past with kidney trouble, and that with the infirmities of old age, was the immediate cause of his death. Mr. Moyer was born in this place in 1818, and has always resided in this town. Farming had always been his occupation, and by careful and diligent work he gathered a considerable property and was considered well-to-do. Since his age prohibited an active life he has lived quietly and peaceably at his home where death claimed him. In politics he was a staunch Democrat and in his younger days he took an active interest in the affairs of his party. He represented the town of Stark in the board of supervisors for several terms and was offered various other positions by the party but declined, owing to business matters. He was fond of reading and was an interesting conversationalist. Mr. Moyer was a man of liberal ideas and had many warm friends in Herkimer county, who will learn of his death with sincere regret. He was a kind neighbor and possessed those traits of character that go to make a good and substantial citizen. One sister, Mrs. Eliza Golden, also fourscore years, is his nearest relative that survives. The funeral services were held from his late home yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward [Universalist] of Richfield Springs, a personal friend of the deceased, conducted the services. The interment was made in the Van Hornesville cemetery."

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