

[Wetherbee, Brayton A.]

OTSEGO COUNTY

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, Sept. 21.—(Special.)—In the death of Brayton A. Wetherbee, which occurred Saturday evening, the community suffered a deep and saddening loss. Seventy-five years ago he was born in the adjoining town of Warren in Herkimer county. For a great number of years he lived upon his farm just outside the village limits, but in his native town. Besides being a successful farmer Mr. Wetherbee was the owner and personal conductor of an immense tannery, and large sawmill and grist mill, all built upon his farm. In politics he was a republican from the formation of the party, and was often urged to take town and county offices, but always refused. He was a member of the Universalist church and one of its firmest and most generous supporters. Altho' not a citizen of this village, he was always closely identified with its interests, and did much by his influence toward the building of the railroad to this place, and in the establishment of the national bank. He was very inventive and numerous labor saving devices came from his brain and hand, among which are the stone picker and a hop picker. As a man he was gentle, generous and peace loving, devoted to his family and friends, and with a kind word for all. In early life he married Mils Philena Bell, whom he survived 16 years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Rose Gregory, and two sons, Ellas B. and William R. The funeral will be held at his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward officiating.

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