

“Hinsdale, My Home Town”

History and Memories

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The History of Cattaraugus County of 1893, edited by William Adams of Syracuse, N.Y., says of Moses Haney:

"Son of Archibald, a Revolutionary soldier, a native of Berks County, Pennsylvania, was born in 1802 and married Laura Clarey, a native of Leverette, Mass., who was born in 1801. They first settled in LeRoy. In 1839 they removed to Hinsdale, and settled on Oil Creek. In 1840 they moved to the "Locks," near Scott's Corners. Mr. Haney was a Mason and also conducted an ashery, where he manufactured potash and pearl ash. He carried the first mail from Olean to Jersey Shore, and was a week making the round trip on horseback; he made regular trips for over 11 years. He was a farmer the last 25 years of his life. He and Mrs. Haney were members of the Presbyterian Church of Cuba. He was an old-line Whig and later a Republican. He died Feb. 5, 1882; she died Feb. 19, 1866. Children: Amelia, born in 1836, married William W. Gould on Sept. 14, 1862. He enlisted in Company I, 154th New York Volunteers, leaving his bride a week after their marriage to go to the front. Being disabled by exposure, he was sent to the hospital where he died Jan. 23, 1864.

William J. born Sept. 14, 1839; enlisted in 1861 in the 85th New York Volunteers; served throughout the war; was captured at Plymouth, N. Car. and incarcerated in Andersonville and Florence prisons and is now a locomotive engineer.

Stanley H., born in 1854; went to Kansas in 1868 and became Division Superintendent of the Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and died in California in 1887.

Son who died in infancy."

I have memories of Amelia Haney Gould who had never remarried after her soldier-husband's death. As an elderly woman, she lived on Main Street in Hinsdale. In the 1920s her home was destroyed by fire from a pail of hot ashes she had put out on her porch. Later, an early gas station was built on the site by the "Dutchman," Mr. D. W. Cramer of Portville. His son-in-law, Howard Ingram, came to Hinsdale to run it. The station has been converted into the home of Kenneth and Merrie Hillman, presently owned by their son, Matthew, and his wife, Evelyn.

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When the iron gave off a r metal from the furnace with a p an anvil and beat it with a hamn



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