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IN MEMORIAM.

At the beginning of the new year death has invaded our ranks and removed from our midst our worthy Bro. Horace H. Howlett who died at his home in Cottage N. Y. Jan. 12, 1902 in his 57 year. Bro. Howlett was a member of Cataraugus Co. Pomona Grange and charter member of Cottage Grange No. 829. From the day of its organization until his health no longer permitted, he was a regular attendant at the meetings and contributed greatly toward making them interesting and profitable by his presence. He always exercised the greatest care and caution in expressing an opinion so that his judgment was regarded as of the highest value. Whereas, We recognize in him the valued citizen, a man of strict integrity, successful in business, and honored with many trusts He was kind, genial, beloved, and esteemed by all who knew him. Resolved That we deeply deplore his loss from among us and that we regard his death as a loss to the social and public interest of the Grange. Resolved. That we extend to the family of our worthy Bro. our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of their bereavement and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased and that these proceedings be entered on file in the Grange. Committee, Eva Merrill Cora Johnson and Lafferty.



Sarah Howlett Landon
F. J. WEBER, GOWANDA, N. Y.

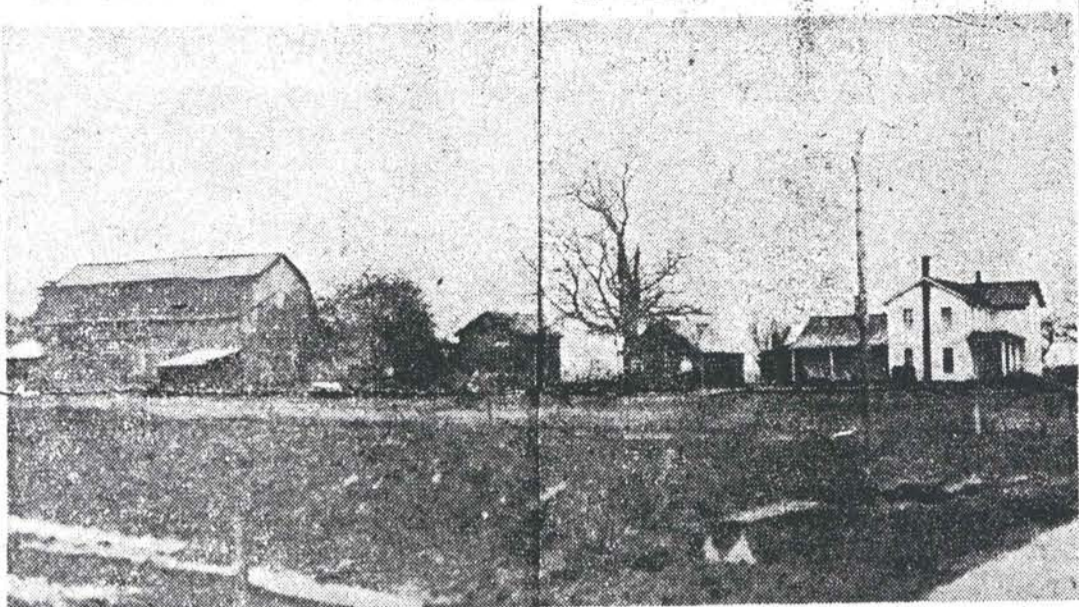
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Mrs. Elsie Eddy Dies at 77 After Illness

Mrs. Elsie A. Eddy, seventy-seven, 31 Williams street, died in the Salamanca District hospital at 3:30 o'clock this morning. She had been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Eddy was born in Cottage, N. Y., and had lived in Salamanca about fifty years. She was a member of the W.B.A.

Funeral Rites Held For Mrs. Elsie Eddy

The funeral of Mrs. Elsie Eddy was held at the Hunt funeral home Wednesday at 1 p.m. The Rev. Russell Clark officiated. Burial was in the cemetery at Cottage. The Ladies auxiliary of the B. of R. T., and members of the Rebekah Lodge 232, attended the funeral in a body. The bearers were: Glenn Wilson, Charles Gleason, John Coffey, and Fred Elsen. Those attending from away were



120 YEARS IN THREE GENERATIONS—The Stephen Casten farm, Cottage, was cut from the forest by William Howlett, Mrs. Casten's grandfather, after he came here from Vermont and purchased the land in 1833. Now 134 acres, it has always been a dairy farm. Mrs. Casten has several pieces of furniture made by the settler. —Curtis Photo

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Family Century Farms

Traces of pioneer living remain today in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Casten, Cottage, who farm today the land purchased in 1833 by William Howlett, Mrs. Casten's grandfather.

Among her prized possessions are the cradle made for her father, Horace Howlett, and an antique rocking chair on which the rockers are worn nearly flat. Her father, his brother and sister used it as a sled when they were children.

She also has a book case and some stands made by her grandfather.

The home itself was built in 1875, and though it has been modernized, the living room and parlor appear today much as they did then.

The farm has always been a dairy, and the Castens have nine cows and keep 100 layers. The farm has a large sugar bush, and until six or seven years ago, they tapped as many as 1,000 trees each year. Her father, Mrs. Casten recalls, sold syrup for \$1 per gallon, maple sugar for five cents a pound, and traded maple for cane sugar.

William Howlett, the farm's founder, was born July 11, 1806, at Rupert, Vt., and was married Oct. 6, 1829, to Betsey Phelps, Rutland, Vt. They resided first at Castleton, Vt., then moved west and bought the present farm in 1833 from the Holland Land Company. The farm now includes 134 acres.

19th Century Living

Howlett was a cooper. He made barrels and "brackets", or what-nots. He kept sheep, and Betsey spun the yarn to make coverlets, now bedspreads; clothes, mittens and socks for the family.

The first home for the family was a frame house, which

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was located north of the present home. It featured a spring, the water from which ran into a kettle in the woodshed, the ultimate in convenience for that day. The spring still runs today.

They had four children. Sarah married George Hubbard, and one of their grandchildren resides in the Cottage area. Hubbard died, and Sarah married Luther Landon, remaining at Cottage.

Francis died at the age of 7. Moses married DeEtta Neare, and two of his grandchildren are living now: Glenn Howlett, Cottage, and Hattie Synder, Dunkirk.

Civil War Soldier

Horace W. Howlett was born Jan. 26, 1836, in the first house. He married Mary Nash, a member of one of the Town of Dayton's pioneer families. They had two children: Arus, born Dec. 2, 1855, who died at the age of 19, and Elmer, born Nov. 3, 1862, who later moved to California and died there in September, 1897.

Horace joined the Union Army in the Civil War, and lost an eye and sustained a broken leg in service. On his return, having separated from his first wife, he married Mary Bebee.

Their children included Elsie A. Howlett, who married Charles Eddy, and lived until Feb. 20, 1950. One of her three children, Leslie Eddy, Salamanca, survives.

William, the only son, never married. He stayed on the farm, helping his father, then

drove a milk route. He died May 20, 1927.

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William Howlett, the pioneer, died June 25, 1879, and his wife, Betsey, lived until March 12, 1887. Horace died Jan. 12, 1903, and his wife, Betsey, died May 1, 1922.

The Castens have two children: Beulah, born Oct. 6,

1906, married Walter Johnson July 29, 1933, and they live at Perrysburg. Mrs. Johnson, a registered nurse, is director of nurses at Tri-County Memorial Hospital, Gowanda. They have two children, Eugene, 9, and Douglas, 6.

Horace Casten, born July 20, 1909, was married March 16, 1934, to Louise Madsen. They lived for six years in Jamestown, then moved to Bath. They have three children: Mary Anne, 14; Betty Lou, 11, and Kay Louise, 7. A son, Richard, died in Jamestown at 2 years of age. Horace is a school bus mechanic, and repairs buses in several counties, including Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Erie.

The Castens have remodelled some rooms in the family homestead, including addition of a bathroom and building a kitchen into the woodshed.

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