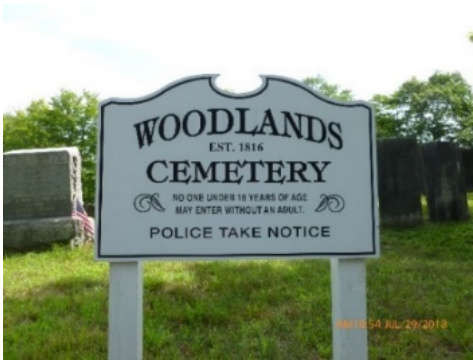


Woodlands Cemetery Update and History



CPA Applications have been submitted for 2020 for the Woodlands, Main Rd, and Northeast cemeteries. This is a joint effort by Woodlands Cemetery and Dick Rowley who volunteers at NCCHP and the Granville Library Historical Room, and maintains the Granville History web site. His ancestors are from Granville.

In 1873, there was published, in an unknown newspaper, a testimonial to the town of Granville for the longevity of many of its residents. Keep in mind that the life expectancy for someone born about 1800, as these people were, was well short of 70 and some publications state that it was younger than 40.

In 1910, in just that thin slice of history, the federal census of that year reports that there were 781 people living in Granville, 86 of whom were immigrants. They came from 14 different countries between the years 1848 and 1908. Most from Ireland, followed by Denmark, Russia, Canada, Germany, England, Austria, Italy, Finland, France, Scotland, Sweden, Norway and Holland in that order. These folks, born outside the US, accounted for 11% of our town residents. If we add their immediate offspring, the numbers become very considerable. According to the Jensen descendants, the Danes came for the availability of land. They were farmers. They purchased land and lived spartanly in order to do so. They wrote back to the families in Denmark and others came to join them. Tobacco was a big first endeavor followed by the apple orchards and berry fields. And as time passed, Granville became the apple town. Jens and



Sophia Jensen, who came from Denmark in the early 1890's, purchased land on Old Westfield Road. Their house is now gone. The children continued the farming tradition with the establishment of Mountain Orchard on Main Road 100 years ago. In the early days, son Edward and wife Anna, grew not only apples but

peaches and even celery, turnip, and potatoes, some in the lower wetter areas of the fields. Early on, Edward and Anna purchased the house at 678 Main Rd for \$10,000 and with 3 of the best apple years ever, paid off the property in 3 years. Two more generations of Jensens have continued the orchard tradition and Mountain Orchard is still producing apples and fruit for our health and enjoyment.

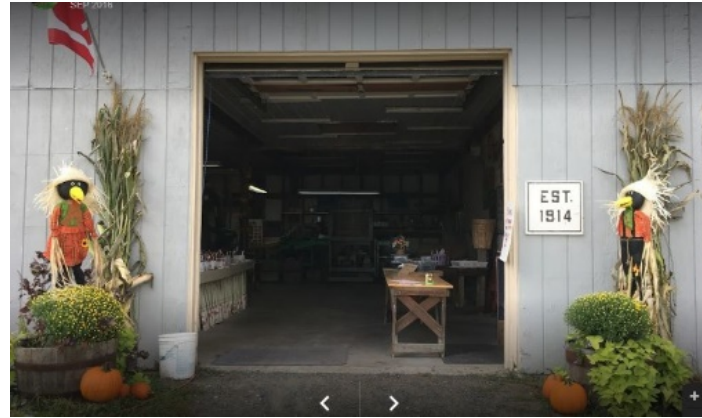
merce by giving a list of
AGED PERSONS IN EAST GRANVILLE.
 This parish is noted for the longevity of its inhabitants. The following are the names of persons now living in that parish who are upwards of seventy years of age:
 Justus Rose, 81 years old, Isaac Rose, 81, Heman Barlow, 83, Polly Barlow Rose, 81, Mrs. Perse Hamilton, 81, Mrs. Electa Clark, 82, Alexander Seymour, 84, Mrs. Benjamin Andrews, 84, Albert Parsons, 85, Phebe Parsons, 80, Gad Phelou, 80, Mrs. Gad Phelou, 78, Mrs. Alva Stowe, 80, Sarah Bancroft Church, 80, Ardon Seymour, 82, Stephen Herrick, 83, Mrs. Stephen Herrick, 83, Mrs. Ruth Humphrey, 92, Mrs. Reuben Noble, 74, Lucius Gibbons, 79, Elijah Seymour, 76, Jas. H. Gibbons, 78, Elijah Chapman Spelman, 71, Widow Maria Seymour, 70, Mrs. Orpha Seymour, 78, William Parsons, 75, Ely Strong, 78, Sylvanus Tinker, 75, widow Almira T. Gibbons, 79, Mrs. Jemima Rose Marvin, 75, Rensalaer Buttes, 72, Samuel H. Whitney, 74, Carlton Strong, 70, Mrs. Diana Barlow Spelman, 71, Anson Clark, 81, Pember Kelley, 75, Widow Rowley, 80, Mrs. Samuel P. Reed, 73, Widow Haley, 82.





Andrew Nestrovich, who immigrated to the USA from Russia in 1912-13, also established an orchard in Granville in 1914. It is now in its 106th year.

Other surnames that you may recognize from that group of 86 immigrants in 1910 are: Clifford, Hansen, Holcomb, Phelon, Rowley, Shaw, Beckman, Dubois, Dickinson, and Deganio. They were generally strong, industrious and enthusiastic and embraced the town as their own...which it was. They had farms, started



business, provided services, were instrumental in the success and well-being of our town and have descendants who still live and work here today.

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