

Cooks

Jerusha Cook wife of Charles Peter BeauJean is the daughter of Ichabod Cook

Wills of Greene County Abstracts from 1861-1870

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ICHABOD COOK of Ashland Will Probated January 8, 1867

(His 2nd wife was Elizabeth Brandow-AC)

Heirs: Wife; daughters, Anna, Clarissa, Theridda, Polly, Elizabeth and Margaret;
sons,

Thomas and Ichabod; Rue **Magene** (*Jerusha BeauJean*) of Mayville.

Executors: wife and son Thomas

Witnesses: J. Olney and H. R. Potter of Windham

1. Fletcher, s/o I. and E. Cooke, d. February 20, 1825, aged 4m
2. Sally, d/o I. and E. Cooke, d. February 8, 1832, aged 9y9m
3. Anna Cook, d. November 17, 1897, aged 79y
4. Ichabod Cook, b. June 3, 1792, d. October 23, 1866
5. Elizabeth Brandow, b. June 29, 1798, d. March 13, 1876
6. Ichabod Cook, b. September 13, 1842, d. July 9, 1894
Electa Christian, his wife, b. March 6, 1842, d. January 2, 1913
7. Aleta, d/o A. and Annie Cook, b. January 1, 1895, d. January 2, 1895

Henry Cooke, b. 1820, d. 1887

Elizabeth Beers, his wife, b. 1823, d. 1900

Sally M., their daughter, b. 1851, d. 1874

Henry S., their son, b. 1861, d. (no date)

Rev. George W. Ferris, b. 1839, d. (no death date)

Polly S. Cook, his wife, b. 1836, d. 1902

Calvin L. Sutton, b. August 11, 1822, d. March 25, 1900

Margaret B. Cook, his wife, b. January 16, 1827, d. February 5, 1903

Thomas B. Cook, b. 1839, d. 1903

Mary J. Christian, b. 1844, no death date

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Old Times in Windham

by Rev. Henry Hedges Prout

But to avoid generalities, take what is now called Sutton Hollow. The elevated called, now having a numerous and thriving population, was a wilderness in 1796, with the exception of two clearings, one called the Schoit lot toward the head of the valley, and the other known as the Race clearing, on or near Mr. White's farm.

The earliest settlers were the ancestors of the Ferris family; Jesse Cook, the father of Ichabod and other sons; a branch of the Brandow family; and a branch of the Deckers; Orange Munson and others. Ichabod Cook was a man of great strength of body and

elastic cheerfulness of disposition, kind, genial, gay in manners, at least in early life. He was wholly without the advantages of education. A man of a class who made play out of hard work, and whose ringing voice has echoed often through the valleys and resounded from the hills, loudly and musically. He was a noble laborer, a workman who needed not to be ashamed, and who won a handsome competency for this family, by working as it "To the manner born."

We speak of culture and cultivated manners as if such things were the result of fashionable intercourse and study alone; but are there not some specimens of peculiarly open and easy manners among those who have no book learning whatever? The less they have read, the more they have observed accurately. The quick, bright intelligence shines in the eyes, conversation is the one art, deference and respectfulness are not wanting, and the whole air and manner has its own peculiar beauty.

Ichabod Cook, it only remains to be said, lived, during his later years, a christian life, and the Master came suddenly and doubtless found him ready.

The following was taken from the Windham Journal:

Messrs. Editors:

January 9, 1877.

As the last days of the Centennial were passing away I recalled an incident in my father's (the late Curtis Prout) life which I think worthy of record. The day on which he first crossed the Catskill mountain and reached his home in the valley of the Bataviakill was the last day of the century, the last day of the year, the last day of the month, and the last day of the week. He emigrated from Middletown, Ct., with his father and the time here mentioned was twenty years of age. As with an ox-team and cart he slowly neared his destination, a cheering spectacle met his gaze. The old meeting house was being raised, and then he halted and met his brother Harris Prout and brother-in-law, Russell Gladding, and Mr. Cook, father of the late Ichabod Cook, who had come on the year before and were at work on the building, being carpenters