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#### DEATH OF AMASA T. WINCH

Had Twice Represented His District in the  
Assembly--Was 76 Years Old

Amasa T. Winch died at his home in Canadice early Monday morning, February 22, aged 76 years, 9 months, and 12 days. He had been suffering for a little more than a week from a severe cold which appeared to be getting better, but on the previous Tuesday morning a severe chill seized him and he was stricken with pneumonia, which developed into pleuro-pneumonia, and for six days he suffered most intensely. Nearly every breath, awake or asleep, was a groan. Even those constantly with him could not realize the acuteness of his sufferings.

Mr. Winch was born at Marlow, Cheshire county, N. H., May 9, 1820. His father's name was John Winch, and his mother's Mary Thomson, and both were descended from families of the early Massachusetts settlers. In 1829 he moved with his parents to the town of Canadice, Ontario county, where he ever afterwards made his home. He was educated in the common schools of that town, with one season at the Lima Seminary, and he was engaged in teaching school from 1838 to 1850. He was town superintendent of schools for several years previous to the abolition of that office, and practiced some as a land surveyor for a few years, and when not otherwise employed, worked on the farm.

In politics, Mr. Winch was originally an anti-slavery Democrat, but became a Republican upon the organization of that party, and voted for Fremont, Lincoln, and all the succeeding nominees for the presidency. He was elected supervisor from Canadice in 1870, and was re-elected to the same office for the six following years, several times with no opposition. He was chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 1874 and again in 1876. In the fall of 1876 he was made the Republican nominee for member of Assembly in the second or western district of Ontario county, and was elected by a majority of 800, serving through the succeeding legislative session on the committees of public education, grievances, and public lands. Re-elected in 1877 for the session of 1878, he was appointed to membership on the general laws and manufacture of salt committees, and chairman of the public lands committee. Following his retirement from the Legislature, he continued to reside on his farm in Canadice, and afterwards held no public offices except those of notary public and justice of the peace. He was elected to the last mentioned office without his consent, and so great was his dislike of litigation, and he found the duties so distasteful, that he resigned after a single year's service.