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**PIERSON E. SANFORD DIES SUNDAY  
FUNERAL TODAY AT HOMESTEAD**



PIERSON EZRA SANFORD.

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**PIERSON EZR**

Pierson Ezra Sanford died at his home, a mile from Warwick village, on the New Milford road, Sunday morning last, December 10, aged 84 years. Until within a few weeks Mr. Sanford had made his habitual almost daily appearance in Warwick, where he had been a familiar figure for more than the average life time, and, apparently in all his proverbial heartiness and vigor. He became ill about a month ago, and steadily declined until death answered the inexorable call of the Nature that had been so lenient to him in years.

Pierson E. Sanford was third in descent from David Sanford, the pioneer of the family of that name in Warwick, to which town he came from Newtown, Conn., early in the eighteenth century, dying there in 1767, and where his son Ezra was born in 1747. This son died in 1827, leaving, among eight other children, a son also named Ezra, who married, in 1814, Miss Adeline Terry, who bore him ten children, of whom Pierson Ezra, the subject of this sketch, was the seventh child, and the youngest of four sons. The Sanford homestead where he was born and where he died, was the historic home of Col. Hathorn, the Revolutionary patriot, and survivor of the Battle of Minisink, the house having been built by him in 1770, and from which colonial home he went as a member of the first Congress under the Constitution in 1789.

The ancient mansion has also reverential memory in the fact that Washington made it a resting place on his way from Newburgh to Trenton, during the time the army was in quarters in this county. The Hathorn property came into the possession of the father of Pierson E. San-

ford, and is one of the landmarks of the county.

Ezra Sanford, 2d, father of Pierson E., was farmer, miller and tanner, and was among the active and progressive men of his time that did much for the welfare not only of their immediate communities but for the county at large. He was one of the first to enlist from Orange County for service in the War of 1812. He died in 1883, ten years after the demise of his wife. Their wedded life extended through sixty-one years.

Pierson E. Sanford was born in 1832. He attended the district schools of his boyhood days, and continued to work for his father on the farm. In 1856 he engaged in farming for himself on the homestead where he was born, and which was his home until he died. A short time before Mr. Sanford was married his father left the Hathorn farm, going to the Wheeler place, across the valley, which he had then recently purchased. At this time (1856) Mr. Sanford began the career that made him one of the most successful as well as one of the wisest known men in the county. The dairy business early enlisted his activities, and in 1864 he became largely interested in that

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growing Orange County industry. He established quarters in New York for the buying and sale of milk, cream, butter and cheese. He was among the first to grasp the great possibilities of the dairy business, and to further take advantage of them he early in the '70s organized a partnership under the name of Onsted & Sanford. This was succeeded by the firm of Sanford & Woodhull, which was one of the most stirring and aggressive concerns in the New York milk market. Mr. Woodhull died in 1889, and Mr. Sanford purchased his interest from his estate, associated two of his nephews with him, and continued the business as P. E. Sanford & Co. This company subsequently was reorganized as the Sanford Dairy Company, which a few years ago was sold to the Beakes Dairy Company. For several years in his business career Mr. Sanford was associated with the late Thomas O. Smith under the firm name of Sanford & Smith, operating several creameries. The late Charles R. Cline was one of their managers.

The Pierson E. Sanford activities in the dairy market in New York evolved an enormous trade. No name in the trade at that time was so well known as that of Sanford. Their business was wholesale and retail, and extended far into the South and had customers in London. Many of the biggest hotels in New York—the old-time Brunswick Windsor, Cosmopolitan, the Brower House, and others of great fame at home and abroad; the White Star Steamship Company, and numerous other great public institutions and places, obtained their supply of milk from the Pierson E. Sanford firms successively.

For several years past Mr. Sanford had contented himself with a more quiet life, although ever active, and alert in all that remained to the interests in which he was concerned at

home—banking, farming, and others of local import. His farm was one of the finest in the fertile Warwick Valley. A director in the National Bank of Warwick during its existence, he had long been its vice-president. Hospitable, sociable, democratic, generous, he was a citizen of rare quality, and will be deeply missed. On the 83d anniversary of his birth Mr. Sanford celebrated the occasion by a dinner at the Red Swan Inn, Warwick, at which he entertained numerous relatives and guests.

Mr. Sanford was essentially a home-loving and neighborly man. He was always interested in the welfare and happiness of his friends and held their warm esteem and regard. He was one of the first trustees in Union Free School District No. 12. About 15 years ago he presented to the Village of Warwick the town clock which was installed in the tower of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Sanford was notably independent in politics, invariably casting his vote for the men he regarded as best fitted for the offices to be filled, irrespective of their party affiliation. He took just pride in the fact that he had never missed voting at any of

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the elections during his lifetime, voting at sixteen Presidential elections.

Mr. Sanford married, in 1855, Miss Anne Scott Burt, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Burt, the latter having been Miss Pauline Fairfield, of Maine. Three children were born to them, two of whom, Mrs. Pauline Sanford Wendover, wife of Dr. W. W. Wendover, of Warwick, and Edward Burt Sanford, who resides on the homestead farm, survive. They lost their eldest son, Ezra, on July 4th, 1874, from a stroke of lightning. Ezra was in his 17th year. Mr. Sanford is survived also by two sisters, Mrs. John P. Gabriel, and Mrs. Adrian Tuttle, both at Watkins, N. Y. There are many relatives of the name and collateral names.

The funeral was held this afternoon at the homestead, at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. William M. Pickersley officiating, reading the Episcopal service, the Rev. Peter Crispell of Newburgh assisting. Burial in the family plot in Warwick cemetery.

Among those present from a distance at the funeral were Miss Adaline Tutthill, of Watkins; Mrs. Jacob M. Price and son, Goshen; S. A. Burt of Youngstown, Ohio; Edward O. Lewis, President of the Horton Ice Cream Company, New York; Thomas O. Smith, Jr., son of Thos. O. Smith, a former partner of Mr. Sanford; George E. Beakes, Middletown; E. R. Stoddard, New York; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durland, Chester; Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Watkins, Goshen; Mrs. A. R. Galloway, Monroe; Miss Woodhull, Monroe; and P. H. Van Wagoner, Paterson.

The bearers were F. V. Sanford, Frank B. Sanford, John W. Sanford, J. E. Sanford, C. V. Sanford, nephews of the deceased, and William A. Bradner.