

Lemi Grover & Sally Brown

1817-1876

1821-1903

Lemi Grover was born November 16, 1817, in Dryden, Tompkins County N.Y., the son of Peter and Catherine Snyder Grover. His parents were natives of New Jersey, and moved to Tompkins County before their first child was born. He had an older sister, Mary (or Polly), born in 1806, and an older brother, Ira, born in 1815.



Based on the resemblance to a drawing below, these photos may be of Lemi and his wife.

Sally Brown was born January 14, 1821, also in Dryden. Her parents were Jacob and Anna Baldwin Brown, and she was the younger sister of Amanda Brown, the first wife of Lemi's brother Ira. Sally and Lemi were married around 1840, and lived on present day Etna Rd. near Hanshaw in the town of Dryden. They had no children.

Lemi was a farmer, but also held town offices such as street commissioner and supervisor. He died April 17, 1876 at the age of 58, while his wife survived him for many years, dying April 26, 1903 at the age of 82. They were buried in Willow Glen Cemetery, on a high spot close to the main entrance.

Census

1820: Town of Dryden, Lemi with father Peter (not named)

1830: Town of Dryden, Lemi with father Peter (not named)

1840: Town of Dryden, Lemi with father Peter (not named)

1850: Town of Dryden, Lemi with wife Sally, brother-in-law Jacob Brown, age 15, Catherine Grover age 66 - [presumably his mother although she is also listed further down the page with Peter]

1860: Town of Dryden, Lemi with wife Sally, Jacob E. Brown age 25, domestic Ann Merchant age 17

1865: Town of Dryden, Lemi with wife Sally, next to sister-in-law Elizabeth Grover, with children Pliny, Mary, and Ira

1870: Town of Dryden (Etna), Lemi with wife Sally and servant Sarah Scott age 16; next to sister-in-law Elisabeth Crittenden, husband Norman, and nephews Pliny and Ira S. Grover

1875: Town of Dryden, Lemi with wife Sally, servants William & Mary E. Foster; next to Pliny Grover, wife Alice and brother Ira S.

1880: Town of Dryden Sally Grover
 1892: Town of Dryden Sally Grover
 1900: Town of Dryden Sally Grover

Family Group Sheet

Husband: Lemi GROVER	
Born: 16 Nov 1817	in Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY
Died: 17 Apr 1876	in Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY
Buried:	in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY
Father: Peter GROVER (1784 - 1863)	
Mother: Catherine SNYDER (1783 - 1860)	
Wife: Sally BROWN	
Married: cir 1840	
Born: 14 Jan 1821	in Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY
Died: 26 Aug 1903	in Varna, Tompkins Co. NY
Buried: 28 Aug 1903	in Willow Glen Cem., Dryden, Tompkins Co. NY
Father: Jacob BROWN (1790 - 1837)	
Mother: Anna BALDWIN (1792 - 1874)	

Biography

History of Tioga, Chemung, Tompkins & Schuyler Counties, N.Y., Everts & Ensign, 1879., p. 492.



LEMI GROVER.

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was born in Dryden, Nov. 16, 1817. He passed his youth on his father's farm, and was educated in the common schools of Dryden. His mother died in 1861, and three years later his father died.

At the age of twenty-three he married Miss Sallie Brown, of Dryden. There were no children by this union.

Of town office, he has been street commissioner and supervisor for several years. He died April 17, 1876. After his death his wife moved to Varna, where she now resides.

Mr. Grover was a thorough and successful farmer, a genial companion, and fully deserved the confidence and esteem in which he was held in the community where he passed his whole life. Few men were more missed by the town of Dryden, or more highly respected, than Mr. Grover.

Obituaries

Ithaca Journal, Monday, April 17, 1876

Lemi Grover a prominent citizen of Dryden died this morning at half past nine o'clock. The funeral will occur at his late residence, on Wednesday at 11 o'clock A.M., Dr. Stebbins will officiate.

Ithaca Journal, Thursday April 20, 1876

GROVER--Died, at his residence, in the town of Dryden, April 17, of typhoid fever and pneumonia, Lemi Grover, in the 59th year of his age.

In the death of Mr. Grover the community has lost a prominent and estimable citizen. He was a man thoroughly cognizant of the wants of his town, being both socially and politically intrusted in its welfare and prosperity. For many years he had been actively engaged in sustaining its Agricultural, Insurance and Mutual Protective Societies, and was foremost to act in all the reforms of the day. At various times he held town offices and discharged his duties with that same fidelity which was characteristic of him.

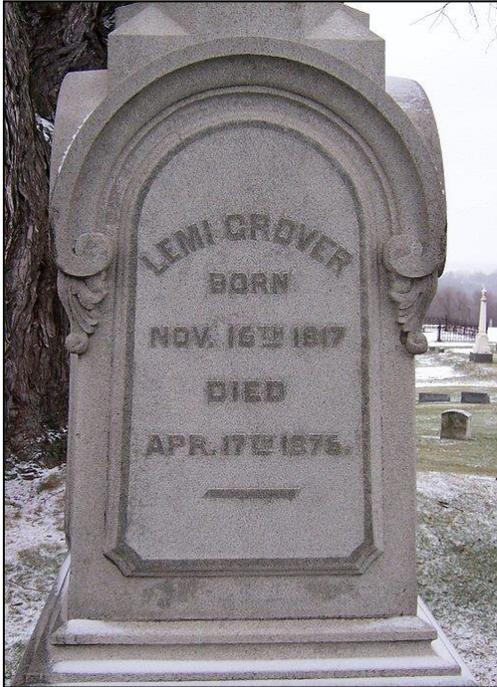
From the force of circumstances he was thrown in early life, upon his own resources, and by industry and economy had accumulated a large property and was a tidy and successful farmer. Being kind-hearted and generous he had by his benevolence aided those less fortunate than himself, and by reason of his mature judgement he was often called upon to act as counsellor and adviser. He evinced a fondness for children which was reciprocated by all the "little folks" with whom he was acquainted. In his religious belief he was a Unitarian, and he firmly adhered to his convictions of the right, upon all subjects, when his judgement was once formed. When quite young, he had an attack of inflammation of the lungs from which he never fully recovered. During his last brief illness he was delirious most of the time, but no pains were spared by his devoted widow and his kind attendants to alleviate his sufferings.

While in life he had no dread of death, and when his hour of dissolution came, he passed away quietly and calmly, leaving a large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn his untimely departure. S.

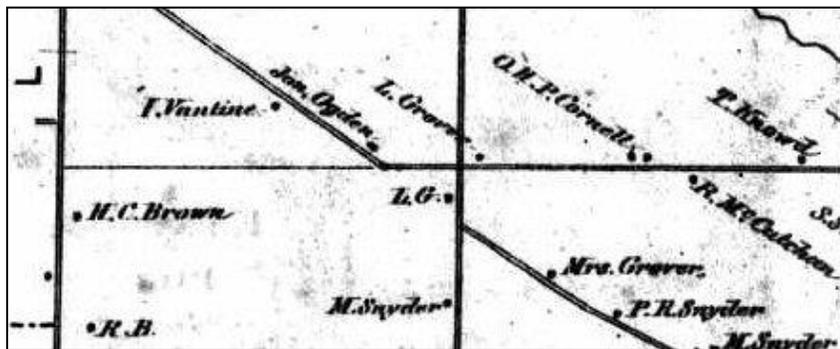
Ithaca Journal, Ithaca, NY, Thursday, August 27, 1903

Mrs. Sally Grover, of Varna, sustained a stroke of paralysis on Wednesday morning, August 26, at about 11 o'clock and passed away in the evening at 8:30, having never regained consciousness. Mrs. Grover was the widow of Lewis [sic] Grover, who died nearly 30 years ago. She was born in the town of Dryden 82 years ago and for the past 26 years had lived in Varna. She is survived by two brothers, Jacob Brown of Peruville and John Brown of St. Charles, Ill. Mrs. Grover was always a kind friend and neighbor, ever ready to assist those whom she might, and as long as

health and age permitted took a very active part in church work. The funeral will be held at the house on Friday afternoon, August 28, at one o'clock.



Lemi and Sally's tombstones in Willow Glen Cemetery, Dryden, N. Y.



Portion of Town of Dryden map from 1866 showing home of Lemi Grover. It is near the intersection of present day Hanshaw Rd. (north-south), and Etna Rd. (east-west).



Presumed former home of Lemi Grover on the map above.

Will of Sally Brown Grover

Surrogate Court proceeding 19 October 1903

I, Sally Grover of the Town of Dryden in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

First. I direct that all my just debts, and funeral expenses be paid.

Second. I give and bequeath to my brother Jacob E. Brown and Sarah A. Brown his wife my house and lot in Varna, N.Y.

Third. I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Sarah A. Brown, Three Hundred Dollars.

Fourth. I give to the three children of my brother Daniel Brown, or their heirs, One Hundred Dollars, each.

Fifth. I give to the three children of my brother John Brown or their heirs, Fifty Dollars each.

Sixth. I give to the two children of my brother William W. Brown or their heirs Fifty Dollars each.

Seventh. I give to the three children of my brother Jacob E. Brown or their heirs One Hundred Dollars each.

Eighth. I give the residue and remainder of my estate to my brother Jacob E. Brown and Sarah A. Brown his wife, share and share alike.

Lastly, I hereby appoint my brother Jacob E. Brown of the Town of Groton, Tomp. Co., N.Y. executor of this, my last Will and Testament: hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name the Twenty-Fifth day of October, in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

Sally Grover

Additional Newspaper Clippings

Ithaca Journal & Advertiser, December 28, 1859

Supervisor's Bills.

Statement of the accounts of the Supervisors of Tompkins County for the year 1859.

DRYDEN.	
Tompkins County to LEMI GROVER, Supervisor, Dr.	
1859.	
Nov. 15	To six miles travel meeting canv'rs \$ 48
	One day service as county do 2 00
16	do do and evening with Board, 3 00
17	do do do do 3 00
18	do do do do 3 00
19	do do do do 2 00
	To six miles travel, 48
21	do do do 48
	One day and evening do do 3 00
22	do do do do 3 00
23	do do do do 3 00
24	do do do do 2 00
25	do do do do 3 00
26	do do do do 2 00
	To six miles travel, 48
28	do do do 48
	One day and evening do do 3 00
29	do do do do 3 00
30	do do do do 3 00
Dec. 1	do do do do 2 00
	Six miles travel, 48
	Copying assessment roll, 19 00
	One day taking collector's bond, 2 00
9	do do with Board, 2 00
	do do filing bond with clerk, 2 00
10	do do with board 2 00
	Twelve miles travel 96
	do do taking collector's bond, 96
	One day settling with collector, 2 00
	do do filing poor report 2 00
	do do collector's bond 2 00
	Twelve miles travel do do 96
	Amount allowed, \$78 76
Number of miles traveled to attend meetings of the board, was forty eight.	
Tompkins County, ss—	
Lemi Grover, being duly sworn, deposes and says that the items contained in the foregoing account are correct, and that the services named have been rendered and are to be rendered, and that no part thereof has been paid or satisfied.	
LEMI GROVER.	
Subscribed and sworn before me, this 1st day of Dec. 1859. John Gauntlett, Chairman.	

Ithaca Journal, December 27, 1872

-- Mr. Lemi Grover, of Dryden, handed us on Friday last, an egg laid by one of his fowls of the Bramah breed. It measures 6 ¼ inches in one direction and 8 inches in the other. Dryden is one of the original ten mile towns of this county, and Mr. Grover's hen is endeavoring to produce results equal to the size of the town.

Ithaca Daily Journal, October 5, 1874

Dryden Fair, list of premiums

...display of fruit correctly labeled, grown by exhibitor

2nd best Lemi Grover, \$2.50

Biscuit, milk yeast, best, Mrs. Lemi Grover, .50

Ithaca Daily Journal, November 17, 1876

Varna.

Mrs. Sally Grover, two miles east of here, had a sale of personal property, a few days ago, and contemplates buying a home here. We will gladly welcome her.

Heirs of Sally Grover Named in Newspaper Ad

Ithaca Daily News, May 17, 1903

- John A. Brown, Mattie Brown and Marion Brown, all of St. Charles, Illinois [children of brother Daniel]
- Addie Shaw of Aurora, Illinois [daughter of brother Daniel]
- Cornelia Brown and Velma Black of Cortland, Cortland County, N.Y. [Cornelia daughter of brother William]
- Arthur H. Brown of Auburn, Cayuga County, N.Y. [son of brother William]
- Jennie Snyder Caldwell, of Le Seur, Le Seur County, Minn. [sic LeSueur; daughter of nephew Ezra Snyder]
- George Albright, of the Town of Dryden, Tompkins County, N.Y. [son of sister Susan]
- Sarah Snyder of the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, N.Y.

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