

Ziba A. Seymour

Born Cannonsville, Delaware County, NY

16 Oct 1863 – 10 Aug 1938

From "A History of the Seymour Family" by Oakley A. Seymour, 1933:

"Ziba A. Seymour, 3rd son of Alonzo and Josephine Seymour, was born in the old log house on Sands Creek, Oct. 16th 1863. He survived all the ills of childhood and grew up into a strong, rugged, active man, quiet but very determined. He received his education in the district schools mostly in the Christianville School. As he did not learn very easily, his book education was not very extensive. However, he had good judgment and when he became of age, he commenced to make money and very seldom in the following years of his life, would anyone catch him without money in his pocket. Soon after becoming of age, he, in partnership with his brother Irvin, bought a farm adjoining the old homestead and he continued to work it in connection with his work for his father on the old farm. After a few years, he bought out his brother Irvin and kept it until 15 or 18 years ago, when he sold what was left of the original farm, to a man who had one adjoining it. While he owned it, lightning struck the barn twice, the last time burning it to the ground. After the barn burned he sold the house to a neighbor, stripping the place of the last bit of evidence that it had ever been occupied by any human beings. On October 16th, 1901, he married his cousin, Margaret A. Platt, of Seattle, Washington (and Washington, D.C.). Up to this time he had always made his home with his parents, working out some at the carpenter trade and one summer working for his brother John in a store at Rock Rift. However, he lived mostly at home with his parents until he married. Sometime after marrying, they went to housekeeping on his farm on Sands Creek and soon after they bought a house in Hancock, where for a few years they lived in the winter, moving back on the farm in the summer. They had six children: Harmon W., Margaret M., Doris, Chester Z., Genevieve, and Grace, in the order here given.

In March, 1910, his wife was taken sick and could not seem to get any help from any of the doctors near her home, and getting Mrs. C. A. Seymour to come and stay with her family in Hancock while she went to a hospital in Scranton, Pa., where, after an examination, an operation was decided on. She rallied from the operation all right and they thought she was going to pull through all right, but later she began to get worse and died April 28th, 1910. The broken hearted father and husband hardly knew which way to turn, but his brothers helped him out by offering to take care of his children until he could make some other arrangements. John took one girl, Irvin another, and Oakley took the three youngest, two girls and one boy, leaving one boy, Harmon, the oldest, to stay with his father. This arrangement lasted for about 2 years when he got back to his parents at the Seymour homestead at Cannonsville and gathering his family together once more, lived there for several years until he bought a farm near Deposit. After living on it a few years, he sold it and bought a house in the village of Deposit where he and his family lived until after awhile the children began to marry and leave home, and make homes of their own. The rest

helping to earn a living. Two or three of the children would like him to come and live with them, but he seems to prefer his own house, although he is in rather poor health. At present he is there all alone and is working at carpentry work whenever he is able."

From the "Hancock Herald" of Aug. 18, 1938, Ziba A. Seymour's obituary:

"Ziba A. Seymour, 75 a former resident of the Town of Tompkins, died August 10 at the home of a daughter in Hamden. Survivors are two sons, Harmon of Apalachin, and Chester of Buffalo; four daughters, Mrs. Genevieve Finch, Cannonsville; Mrs. Charles Hamlin, Chenango Bridge; Mrs. John Scofield, Hamden; and Mrs. Edgar Mallery, Binghamton; one brother, John Seymour, Scranton, Pa., and one sister Mrs. June Mogridge, Unadilla."