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The last Schoharie *Republican* announces the death of Christina Lawyer, daughter of David Lawyer, and the last survivor of Johannes Lawyer, the patentee; at the age of 77 years. Also that the Johannes Lawyer patents were granted by Queen Anna.

This is indeed a strange and remarkable announcement, well worthy to be republished by the Cobleskill *Herald*.

If Miss Lawyer was only 77 years old when she died, she must have been born in 1804, and if the Johannes Lawyer patents were granted by Queen Anna, they must have been granted between 1702 and 1714; and if Johannes Lawyer was 21 years of age when the patents were granted, then he must have been at least 111 years of age when Miss Christina Lawyer was born; showing an instance of remarkable longevity.

It also seems quite marvelous that she should be the last survivor of Johannes Lawyer and only 77 years of age. Had she been 150 years of age, her last survivorship would appear more probable.

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Vicinity Excerpts

- Gilboa is to have a new drug store.
- Osborne Stevens, of South Gilboa, sold his team to a Catskill man for \$400.
- Abraham Becker, of Central Bridge, shot and killed a fish-hawk, measuring 5ft, by 9½.
- Squire John H. Coons, of Worcester, is in poor health. He was a former resident of Charlotteville.
- The colored people of Schoharie will have a dance at the Globe Hotel, Sloansville, on Monday evening, May 30th.
- About one o'clock Sunday morning two villains entered the house of Mrs. Hattie Henway, a colored woman living at Schoharie, and both outraged her before leaving.
- Dr. C. D. Welch, of Cobleskill will next month visit London, England as a delegate to the International Convention of Homeopathic physicians to be held in that city.
- On Saturday last as Mr. H. Nichols and wife were riding to North Harpersfield, his mule team became frightened and unmanageable. Mrs. Nichols was thrown from the wagon, and injured quite seriously about the spine. – Jefferson *Courier*.
- The Enlargement of the Cave House at Howe's Cave, by Hon. J. H. Ramsey evidence continued enterprise. The hotel will now accommodate 250 guests. It has all the conveniences known to modern life. This cave is a great place of resort for those who like to travel under ground.
- Last Saturday morning a two-year-old daughter of John Alverson, who is employed in the Augustan, fell backward into a pail of hot water. The child was terribly burned, and its heartrending cries were heard a long distance. Under care of Dr. Welch the child is improving and will now recover. – Cobleskill *Index*.

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Local Department

- Rain nearly every day last week.
- Poultry show at Cobleskill next Saturday.
- Andrew Rifenbark is building a new house.
- The Temperance Hotel at Summit, is open for business.

- There were 10,000 tons of hay sold at Central Bridge last year.
- Several Canada horses were recently brought to Sharon Springs.
- Ed. Fox proposes to have a grand dance on the evening of June 15th.
- H. Frasier & Son are the sole agents for the indispensable corset. Price 50 cents.
- Mr. and Mrs. Warren Case, of Blenheim, visited friends in town last week.
- Morseville and Furnace Valley items were unavoidably crowded out last week.
- Chas. Osborn has accepted a position in a creamery at Masonville, Del. Co. N. Y.
- Krum and Grant, of Schoharie, went on a fishing excursion to Sullivan co., last week.
- Chas. Sperbeck has bought a creamery, manufactured by Geo. Shaler, of Gilboa.
- The earth looks as fresh and bright as ever notwithstanding mother Shipton's prophecies.
- Wm. Mickle contemplates moving his house down to the road. He will also build a barn.
- Seward Gallup sold his team last week to a gentleman from Catskill N. Y. Consideration \$350.
- Summit charge, in appreciation of the services of Rev. J. M. Cornish, have raised his salary \$100.
- Peter H. Chickering, who left here rather mysteriously about two years ago is now in Little Falls again.
- Never, we opine, has there been such a rapid development of foliage and verdure as during the past ten days.
- Stage-driver Campbell lost a horse last week. This is the fifth horse he has lost in four years. Sad luck indeed.
- Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Rifembark, and Mr. and Mrs. Wint. Gallup, of Summit, were guests at Hiram Rifembark's Friday afternoon.
- The Cobleskill *Herald* says that William Harris suffered from a sun stroke on the 14th inst., while at work in the cemetery.
- A Mr. Peck, who has been running the Warnerville tannery for the past two years, will take charge of the Lampson tan shop at Gallupville.
- Nearly all of our republican neighbors said "stick to Garfield." So do we say so. He is President and he should control his own business.
- Supervisor Crowe was in town Wednesday. He made us a very pleasant call. David generally wears a pleasant smile and is always a tip-top fellow.
- John H. Coons, of Worcester, a former resident of this place, died Monday. Also Jason Robins, a former resident of this place, was buried Tuesday.
- O. B. Ireland and Geo. Boughton were in Albany last week. They saw Luke Colliton and report him looking and doing well. His arm will not be amputated.
- Promising reports upon the crops are received from all parts of the county, although there has not been as heavy a rain fall in the eastern section as in the western.
- We regret to announce that Harmon Hard is on the sick list. He is one of our most worthy and esteemed citizens, and has many friends who will also regret to hear he is not well.
- Persons who desire to paint should not fail to read Alonzo Ferguson's new "ad" before they purchase stock. Mr. F. has the reputation of being an honorable dealer, and his special offers are certainly worth attention.
- Burglaries are becoming of frequent occurrence in this part of the State, and the Sheriffs and their Deputies should be on the alert to detect some of the gang. Merchants and others should not tempt the thieves by leaving money in safes or till that can be deposited in banks. – *Middleburgh Gazette*.
- Everybody unite in saying that the Anti-Horse Society, of this county is a good thing. Then why not form a branch society in this town. Only a very few men in the town are members and it is very important that our citizens organize a branch society. Our people should take hold of the matter at once.
- Stage-driver Campbell leaves our route this week, and Mr. Jacob H. Silvernail will take his place. Mr. Campbell's time has not yet expired but as he will not have the route after July 1st it is to his advantage to move to Davenport now, since he is building a house there. Good luck to George is our wish.
- If you *will* dabble in politics buy your wife a washer, that she may keep your clothes respectably clean. The original BUCKNELL WASHER, formerly sold by Morris & Hicks, are now sold by Geo. H. Warner of Charlotteville N. Y., and A. G. Stilson of Cobleskill N. Y. PRICE REDUCED FROM \$12 TO \$8. Any new parts furnished, or repairs made on old washers of this patent, by applying to G. H. Warner near Charlotteville, N. Y.

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- The scarlet fever scare at Central Bridge is over.
- John Pierce has bought Wallace Crapser's team.
- Chas. Merchant, of Jefferson, has sold his span of horses. Consideration \$675.
- Mr. John T. Reed, of Summit, was in town Saturday. He gave us a call as usual.
- Wallace Fox and Seward Shafer, of Hyndsville, passed Sabbath in this village.
- Don't expose yourself to sun and rain when you can buy a carriage top for \$15, of A. Ferguson Cobleskill. N. B. A better grade for \$20 and \$25.
- IMPORTANT TO TRAVELERS. – Special inducements are offered you by the Burlington Route. It will pay you to read their advertisement to be found elsewhere in this issue.
- Room 30X60 full of clothing – men's, youths' and boys'. Remember upstairs at H. Frasier & Son's, Richmondville. Their first floor is crowded with dry goods and groceries, boots, shoes, etc.; a full stock and low prices.
- Samuel Burnside, living between this place and Worcester, is now in the Cooperstown jail on a charge of perjury. It appears he swore he was not able to pay his hotel bill while there as a witness, and the judge gave him an order for \$3 the most of which he afterwards spent for whiskey.
- Prices a little lower than the lowest and all goods of first-class quality. Goods exactly as represented at Mrs. E. Trickey's millinery rooms Worcester, N. Y. See "ad." elsewhere.

Local Correspondence.

Correspondence solicited from all the neighboring towns. Communications received later than Monday of each week will not be inserted.

Esperance.

- Brockum sisters, dressmakers, are overrun with work.
- George Happe is in Quaker Street at work on a new store.
- Chas. Mott, formerly of this place, was in town last week.
- Miss Belle Hotaling, of Warnerville, is visiting at Mr. M. A. Watson's.
- It has been decided to build a new school house in the Tracy district.
- Ed. M. Fether's boat "Dolly Dutton" has been repainted and put on the river.
- WANTED. – A small type cabinet and case. C. T. CONVER, Esperance N. Y.
- Miss Kilmer, of Central Bridge, has been visiting Miss Lizzie M. Van Vechten.
- W. H. Quackenbush, of Barnerville, has been visiting his parents at this place.
- The school, under the management of Prof. P. B. Moore is progressing finally.
- No clue to the burglars who broke into Watson's variety store, has been obtained.
- Miss Hattie Conover will leave in a few days to visit friends at Syracuse and vicinity.
- Mr. Ed. M. Fethers leaves 15th prox. for Sharon Spa. where he has obtained a position as clerk in Fether's hotel.
- Miss Josephine Brunk, age 16, died Sunday 15th inst. The funeral occurred Tuesday, from the M. E. church.
- The Presbyterian Aid, at the residence of Jas. Van Vechten, Esq., Wednesday evening, was a very enjoyable affair.
- There will be a grand social hop at the Union House on the Eve of July 1st. Cromwell's orchestra will furnish the music.
- P. J. Dorsey has one of the fastest road teams in the county, and says he will not take the dust of any team around.
- Rev. Loyal A. Bigelow will deliver the oration, Decoration Day. The Esperance Cornet Band will furnish the music for the occasion.
- Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Tubbs leave for Rochester 27th inst. to visit their sons – Nelson and George Tubbs, of that city.
- The contract for rebuilding the dam has been taken by Mr. Egbert Woolson, and work will be resumed as soon as the water lowers.

Chas. Conover who has been attending the Middleburgh Classical Institute, and Miss Hattie Conover, who has been spending the winter in Middleburgh, have returned home.

Furnace Valley.

- Some fine showers lately.
- Sally Truax is drying apples yet.
- Wm. Van Burne's wife is quite sick.
- Eli Meed lost a fine sucking colt recently.
- A few bushels of nice snowflake potatoes for sale at I. Truax's.
- John Yager has two fine Jersey heifers. John as an eye for good stock.
- Hops looking fine the whole length of the valley. D. Tinklepaugh thinks he has the boss yard.

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Middleburgh.

- W. E. Bassler, one of our popular merchants, is again on the sick list.
- A great many fish are being caught in the Schoharie creek this spring; mostly suckers and white fish and some bass. Game laws are obsolete here.
- There is promise of a large crop of pears, plums and peaches in this town. Although it is the off year for apples most of the trees are white with blossoms.
- Geo. Camerron, the big blacksmith at the Lime Rocks, was arrested under a peace warrant sworn out by Nelson lawyer; when the facts of the case came out, together with irregularity in the proceedings, he was discharged.
- At the corporation elections, Saturday 21st inst., the following officers were elected: President – Wm. H. Engle; Trustees – Geo. L. Danforth, Wm. E. Thorne, Dr. James Lawyer, Treas.- Duryea Beckman; Collector G. S. Lynes.
- Wm. Mitchell sued Constable Miller for the value of the only pair of boots he possessed; sold under Execution for debt. A jury said no cause of action. That jury must have made the law before giving their verdict. The case has been appealed.
- The Juvenile Temperance order here appears to be in a flourishing condition. Among the adults total abstinence is not very popular. Two liquor stores, 2 hotels, 3 beer saloons to be supported. Somebody must do the guzzling or they would have to go in other and better business.
- Many farmers put in their cellar last fall, from thirty to fifty barrels of cider and they have been trying all winter and spring to see how quick they can swallow it. This town has the most extraordinary cider drinkers in existence. One old darkey drank ten quarts of strong old cider while doing a days work for one of his neighbors.

Richmondville.

- Harry Butler lost a valuable horse a few days ago.
- Dr. T. B. Van Alstyne has returned from New York.
- Myra Shays has been visiting friends in Delhi, for two weeks last.
- Josiah Rogers has secured a situation as clerk in a store at Binghamton.
- Elisha Smith has just returned from Canada, with a fine bay team for his farm.
- The Richmondville manufacturing Co. are running full blast and are doing a good business.
- The street lamps are up and now even the blind can see to walk the streets nights with safety.
- The funeral services of Mr. John Johnson were held in the Lutheran church, on Friday last.
- Members of the juvenile temple will give an anniversary entertainment in Good Templers' hall next Monday Eve.
- Master Eddie Gile has secured a situation in Bradley's woolen mill. Eddie has many friends here who wish him success.
- "Some of the sons of Sunny Italy" give weekly concerts. They indulge in dancing, singing, etc., and generally have quite an audience.
- Died on Friday morning last, Samuel Fuller. The Funeral services were held in the Baptist church Sunday 10 A. M. and buried in Sunny Side Cemetery.

Warnerville.

- Menzo Shafer has been making improvements about his place. He has also put a new roof upon his blacksmith shop.
- L. D. Burchard, Agt. For the Autophone is meeting with great success. We hope he may continue to meet with success.
- We are anxiously waiting for the long anticipated railroad to run on the eastern side of our village. We hear there has been a new hotel started on Pearl St. where cider can be had at all hours on Sunday.

Hyndsville.

- We have had a fine old-fashioned rain which is appreciated by everyone.
- Some people enjoy fishing parties moonlight evenings. The fish caught are principally eels and sun-fish.
- Henry Calkins & son are doing some fine jobs in their shop this spring. Henry's work is done in first-class style.
- Last Saturday morning Mr. Alfred Rowley received the sad intelligence of his son-in-law's death, Rev. Chas. Armstrong, of Mooers. Monday his remains were brought here, and Tuesday were deposited in Seward cemetery. He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn their loss.

Davenport.

- L. A. Davenport, expects to make a fortune out of his new traps for throwing glass-balls.
- Considerable excitement here Monday. "Nat" Gordon was under arrest for insulting a Mrs. James Norris.

MARRIAGES

MICKLE-KING – At the M. E. parsonage, Summit N. Y. on May 11th, 1881, by the Rev. J. M. Cornish, Mr. Giles E. Mickle, of Scotch Bush, Montgomery Co., N. Y., to Miss Christian C. King, of Eminence, Schoharie Co., N. Y.