

GEROULD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The sixth quinquennial reunion of the Gerould family was held in Phelps' grove, East Smithfield, Pa., Aug. 24, 1899. Over two hundred members of the family registered, sixty-five coming from without Bradford County.

The forenoon was spent in greetings, registering, and preparing the tables for the proverbial bountiful Gerould spread.

After dinner all were gathered about the speakers' stand to the tune "America." The president, S. Wood Gerould, presided; and in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Laura M. (Gerould) Craig of Buffalo, N. Y., was asked to take the minutes. The opening song of welcome by the Gerould choir was followed by prayer by Rev. Joel Hendrick, Monteur Falls, N. Y. Walter Gerould Rice gave a hearty address of welcome, which was responded to by Warren Craig of Buffalo, N. Y.

The historian, Dr. Henry Gerould, Cleveland, O., with his report gave something of the history of the Gerould genealogy making, and urged accuracy and fullness in giving names, dates and places, and that all interesting historic events be reported.

The following resolution, presented by Prof. Welland Hendrick, chairman of the obituary committee, was adopted:—

WHEREAS, In his Divine providence, God has removed from us many of our number, among whom are Marcus Botsford Gerould, Mrs. Florilla C. (Gerould) Durfey, John C. Tompkinson, Marshall Bullock, James P. Rice, Mrs. Helen Brigham Sumner, Charles Tracy Gerould, A. Beebe Gerould, Chas. M. Gerould, Wm. F. Towner, and others, therefore,

Resolved, That while meeting here with the living in reunion we pause to remember the virtues of the dead; that we cherish their memory, and commend to our posterity the example of their lives and characters.

Letters were read from Rev. Samuel L. Gerould, Hollis, N. H., and Mrs. Mary P. [J. Abijah] Gerould, and some lines suggested by the present gathering from the pen of Mrs. Julia C. [Dr. Henry] Gerould.

Reminiscences were called for from some member of each of the eight Smithfield branches of the family, and Mrs. Malvina