[Gasper, Joel]

This morning one of the oldest residents of this town and village, Joel Gasper, passed away from earth aged 74 years. Mr. Gasper was born in Pittsfield, Mass. in February 1801 and moved into the old town of Seneca in 1820. There were several brothers, two of whom we knew some time since at Fulton, Oswego County, and both of whom we believe are still living. John Gasper, we think was the oldest and if now living was about 86 years old, and Freeman, another brother is about 80, both soldiers in the War of 1812. We do not know of their death. Joel Gasper moved into this village in 1847. He was a good citizen, a great whig and admirer of Henry Clay, a rabid (that is strong and sensible) anti-slavery man and in his religious belief a Universalist. Mr. Gasper was sick but about a week.

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