[Pullman, Royal Henry]

Rev. Royal Henry Pullman Dead First Man to Buy an Island on St. Lawrence Among the Islands

Rev. Royal Henry Pullman, D.D., died very suddenly at his summer home, Camp Royal, Sunday at 9:30 o'clock. His death was caused by a stroke of paralysis, which occurred two weeks ago.

Royal Henry Pullman was born in Auburn, 74 years ago, and he was the son of Louis [Lewis] and Emily Pullman. He was the oldest of a large family of children of which the late Geo. W. Pullman, president of the Pullman Palace Car company, was one. He was educated in Portland, Me. He studied theology in Rochester under Rev. G. [George W.] Montgomery. His first pastorate was in 1859 in Albion. He then went to Olcott and from there to Fulton. In 1863 he went to Peoria, Ill., where he finished the building of a fine church. In 1872 he resigned his position at Peoria and accepted the general secretaryship of the general convention of the Universalist denomination In 1876 he accepted a call to the Second Universalist church in Baltimore. In 1897, through failing health, he was obliged to give up this pastorate and was then elected Pastor Emeritus of this church.

Mr. Pullman was the first man ever to buy an island on the St. Lawrence at the Thousand Islands. In 1864 he purchased Mother Island, which is now known as Pullman's Island, for the sum of \$40. He and his brother George camped on the island every summer for a number of years. Seven years after the purchase of the island George Pullman built Castle Rest. He has been a regular visitor to the Islands since the year 1864, with the exception of two summers.

He was a member of the Thousand Island Yacht Club and of the Anglers' association. He also belonged to the order of Knights Templar.

All day Sunday all flags on the cottages, hotels and residences were at half mast.

He leaves to mourn his loss one son, George H. Pullman, of Washington, D. C., and one daughter, Mrs. Frankie Pullman Smith, of Evanston, Ill.; one brother, Rev. James Pullman, D.D., of Lynn, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Helen T. West, of New York, and Mrs. E. T. [Finehout?], of New York.

The body was taken to Baltimore for interment.

Ogdensburg News, Ogdensburg NY, Tue. 28 Aug 1900

Transcribed on 20 Feb 2008 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY