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RALPH J. MATTHEWS

Herkimer—Ralph J. Matthews, 86, died Aug. 14, 1952 in his home, 513 Park, after a long illness.

He was born Apr. 10, 1886 in Herkimer, son of Joseph and Phoebe Tiff Matthews. He was graduated from Herkimer High School. On Dec. 28, 1911 he married Kathryn [Miller?] in Herkimer.

Mr. Matthews lived most of his life here with the exception of three years in Syracuse, three in Wisconsin and three in Philadelphia.

He was a time study engineer for Remington Rand in Ilion.

He was past noble grand and secretary of the former Beth [?] Lodge, IOOF, and was secretary of the Dr. F. G. Kern Lodge, IOOF, its successor. He was also secretary of the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Volunteer Fire Company for many years.

He followed the hobby of collecting stamps and he was a member of the Herkimer County Philatelic Club. He was a member of the Universalist Church.

He leaves his wife.

The funeral services will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow from his home, the Rev. Stanley Stall, Universalist pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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