

[McFarlin, Benjamin]

The Death of Benjamin McFarlin

Yesterday another highly respected citizen of Rochester, Benjamin McFarlin, died at his home on West avenue, at the age of 78 years. Mr. McFarlin came to this city in 1888 from Chemung county, and purchased the Farmers Hotel. Soon afterwards he purchased of Adonijah Queen the Washington Hotel, on the site of the present Whitcomb House. This was burned in 1849, and when he rebuilt the name was changed to the New England. Later he became proprietor of the National. On retiring from the hotel business, he engaged in business as a contractor and did considerable work on the canal. For the past few years he has looked after his real estate and made substantial improvements in the Eighth ward, where he built a number of houses. He was of pronounced Democratic politics and served with credit in the Board of Supervisors numerous terms. He was one of the originators of the First Universalist church and was present at the first meeting in Minerva Hall. In 1848 he lost his first wife, and the surviving members of the family are his second wife, two sons, F. [Francis] M. and R.[Rowland] B., and one daughter, Miss Emily McFarlin. Mr. McFarlin had been suffering from typhoid pneumonia for several weeks and seemed to be recovering, but a dropsical affection set in, causing his death. Mr. McFarlin was an honest and upright man, and had many friends who will sincerely regret to learn of his death. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 8 o'clock at the family residence.

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