

[Phipps, William Wallace]

FUNERAL HELD TODAY
Former Assemblyman Phipps Died Saturday, Aged 71 Years

The funeral of William Wallace Phipps, former assemblyman from this county was held this afternoon at his late home, two miles west of Albion, and was very largely attended by a host of friends and relatives, the Rev. Charles H. Vail, pastor of the Pullman Memorial Universalist church, of Albion, officiating.

Mr. Phipps was 71 years old and one of the foremost business men, educators, and man of public affairs in this community. He was born in Eagle Harbor, N.Y., November 18, 1842, the youngest of five children of Judith and Aaron Phipps, the latter a strong abolitionist and temperance man who was one of the founders of the Wesleyan Methodist church in Eagle Harbor where he settled after coming to Orleans county from Oneida county.

William Wallace Phipps was educated in the public schools and the old Albion Academy. In early life he became one of the foremost educators in this part of the state and for about twenty years taught in the public schools. Upon reaching his majority he became an ardent Republican in politics and his ability and popularity won for him recognition in town, county and state politics. He was elected by his party as one of the first public school commissioners of Orleans county which position he held several years. Later he represented the town of Albion on the Board of Supervisors during the years 1896, 1897, 1898 and in 1899 was elected to the Assembly from this county and served with credit during the years 1900, 1901 and 1902. In 1912, during the party split, Mr. Phipps was once again the candidate of the Republican party and was defeated by a majority of one, considered a remarkable vote under existing conditions.

He was a large property owner of farm lands and became prominently identified as one of the foremost agriculturists and horticulturists in Western New York and one of the first to adopt scientific methods in farming in this locality.

For several years he conducted a phosphate manufacturing business and agricultural implement business in Eagle Harbor, besides supervising the work on his farms. He was recognized as a careful, capable business man, and won his success through his own merit.

Two years ago he retired from active business life and since that time has been in failing health.

Mr. Phipps was one of the foremost workers for the welfare of the community in which he resided and it was largely through his efforts that state trunk highway route No. 30 was routed west from Albion.

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He was a Universalist and a member of Albion Lodge, No. 1,006, B.P.O.E., of Albion.

Mr. Phipps was twice married and leaves is wife, one son Frank Phipps; and two brothers, Hobart E. Phipps and George W. Phipps, all of Eagle Harbor, N.Y. Albion Lodge of Elks attended the funeral in a body. The bearers were Mayor William E. Dye, Village Treasurer Henry W. Fox, Attorneys Thomas A. Kirby and Warner Thompson, Daniel F. Garrett and Winfield S. Wylie.

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