

[Pike, Albert M.]

ALBERT M. PIKE, 82, DIES FRIDAY

Albert M Pike, 82, a resident of Canton for many years and town assessor almost thirty years, died about 10:40 Friday morning, Nov. 17 at the Potsdam hospital, where he had been a patient for two days. He had been in ill health for about a week. His death was attributed to a heart condition.

Mr. Pike was born in the town of Burke, Franklin county, May 20, 1868, the son of John Booth and Ellen Lewis Pike. He with his parents moved to Canton when he was seven. He later worked on different farms in the Waterman hill section until his family moved to a farm on the Pike road near the King Iron bridge.

On October 5, 1892, Mr. Pike married Alice Grace Knox, daughter of Harvey W. S. and Horal Knox of Colton at the Knox home in a ceremony performed by the late Dr. John Stebbins Lee of St. Lawrence university. The couple lived at the old Pike farm until 1919. Mr. Pike taught school for several years at the Knox schoolhouse and was active in public affairs. He served as town collector in 1907 and 1908. As a leading North Country farmer. Mr. Pike was an active member of the Grange. He was also a member of the Masonic Order. In 1919, the couple moved to the village of Canton, 13 Crescent st. He served as bookkeeper for Cornell and Barber for ten years and held the same position at Dawley's garage here at various other times. In 1921 he was elected assessor and held that post until his death. He closed his books for 1950 a month ago, and was waiting to begin work again next spring.

Mr. Pike was elected president of the St. Lawrence County Assessor's association on May 17, 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Pike celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary in 1949. She died at 78 years of age at the A. Barton Hepburn hospital, Ogdensburg, Feb. 14. 1949. She had been active in the Order of the Eastern Star, had received a golden sheaf certificate in the Silas Wright Grange, and was a member of the First Universalist church.

Surviving are one son, Harvey K. Pike, Pierrepont road, manager of the St. Lawrence National Farm Loan association of Canton and three daughters, Mrs. Murray (Audrey) Smith, Canton; Mrs. Noel (Inez) Grant, Brooklyn and Mrs. Theodore P. (Doris) Gibson, Pike road. There are also seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the R. B. Lawrence Funeral home with the Rev. Edna P. Bruner, pastor of the First Universalist church, officiating. Burial was made in Fairview cemetery.

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