

[Atwood, William]

WM. ATWOOD DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS, AGED 83 YEARS

William N. Atwood, veteran contractor and cattle buyer, died at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the home of his son, Donald Atwood, Prospect Street, after several months illness, due to infirmities of age. Since last December, following a fall at the Atwood home, he had suffered greatly and was confined a few weeks in Potsdam Hospital.

Funeral service was held at 2:30 Friday from the home, Rev. Dr. James M. Payson, pastor emeritus, and Rev. Hugh S. Tigner, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiating. Burial was made in Hillcrest Cemetery, Heuvelton. The bearers were Charles D. Wight, John A. Griswold, Earl Banford, John H. Maybee, William Woods and Arthur Felter, old neighbors and friends.

Mr. Atwood was born June 16, 1854 at Depeyster, a son of Elisha and Betsy Atwood. He was educated in Depeyster and spent his early life in Somerville where he learned the building trade, which he followed most of his life. He engaged in buying cattle for many years in company with the late George E. Jamieson.

He was married over forty years ago to Miss Lillian Hemenway of DeKalb. They lived for a time in Somerville, later Theresa and Antwerp, but came to Canton to reside in the nineties and lived for a long period of years in their home, Goodrich Street. Mrs. Atwood died June 15, 1936.

As a contractor, Mr. Atwood built the Getman Hotel in Theresa, the American House Block in Canton and the former wooden gymnasium on the St. Lawrence University campus, where Gunnison Memorial Chapel now stands.

Remaining are one son, Donald Atwood, manager of Socony Service Station, Canton, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Royal T. Gulley, Gowanda.

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