

[Baker, Royal]

FORMER CANTON MAN SUCCUMBS

Canton, April 21.—Royal Baker, aged 77, formerly of Canton, died Sunday afternoon at the residence of his son, William, in Ovid, N.Y.

Royal Baker was born in Lisbon, Dec. 1, 1846. In early childhood he moved with his parents to Canton and was later associated with his father, Darwin Baker, in the meat business.

He succeeded his father in this business, in partnership with James Donihee until 1899. A painful accident¹ [from a long carving knife] caused the loss of one leg and led to his retirement from active business life.

On Sept. 1, 1880, Mr. Baker married Minnie Barber, of Canton. On Sept, 1, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Baker made their home with their son in Ovid.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, William Baker of Ovid, and Roy Baker of New York city; one grandson and one brother, Gilbert Baker, of Spokane, Wash.

The funeral services will be held in the Universalist church of Canton Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, and (??) [Rev. Harry Adams Hersey and Rev. James Milford Payson, D.D., a former pastor, officiated]. Burial in Evergreen cemetery.

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¹ He ran a knife three or four inches into his leg while at work, and after an initial improvement, gangrene and blood poisoning set in, making surgery necessary as a last resort.