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Hubert Baldwin, Former Resident, Dies in Watertown

Hubert L. Baldwin, 70, operator of an insurance agency for years and one-time grocery store proprietor in Watertown, died Tuesday, June 11, 1957 at the House of the Good Samaritan where he had been a patient since early Saturday morning.

Mr. Baldwin had been suffering from a heart condition for more than a year and had not been at his insurance office in the Paddock Arcade since last Dec. 21.

The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Cleveland funeral home with Rev. Harold H. Niles, pastor of All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Burial will be in Brookside cemetery.

Surviving Relatives

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Marion Forbes Baldwin; a daughter, Mrs. Charles E. (Barbara B.) Nichols, Brewster; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Wells, Sandy Creek, and three grandchildren.

In March, 1856, Mr. Baldwin was stricken with a heart attack while working at his office. He was admitted to the House of the Good Samaritan at that time. Subsequently he suffered a series of attacks but was able to keep working at his insurance agency until last December.

Born in Sandy Creek

Hubert Leman Baldwin was born at Sandy Creek June 5, 1887, son of Clarence and Della Close Baldwin. He observed his 70th birthday last Wednesday.

Mr. Baldwin spent his early life at Sandy Creek and attended schools in that village.

Years ago Mr. Baldwin went to Carthage where he was employed as a salesman for the old Belmont and Brayton grocery firm. Later for many years he was connected with the Sears & Pruyne Wholesale grocery distributing firm in Watertown.

In about 1914 Mr. Baldwin and a brother-in-law purchased the grocery store in Watertown. The store was operated under the name of Baldwin & Elmer. After several years Mr. Baldwin bought the entire interest in the business and operated the store himself until 1939.

In 1939 Mr. Baldwin went into the insurance business and in May, 1941, opened a general insurance agency with offices in the Arcade.

In February 1956, C. Arthur Stewart, Copenhagen, came into the insurance agency and since [then] the firm has been known as Baldwin-Stewart general insurance.

Mr. Baldwin was married twice. In 1912 he married Lucia Hull, Carthage. She died in November, 1925, in Watertown.

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On Feb. 1, 1929, he married Miss Marion B. Forbes, of Carthage, who was teaching at Plainfield, N.J., at the time. The couple was married in New York city at the Little Church Around the Corner. Mrs. Baldwin is a native of Kansas City.

The couple made their home at 114 South Pearl avenue. Mr. Baldwin had lived at that address for 39 years.

Active in City Affairs

Mr. Baldwin was active in a number of local organizations, both civic and fraternal. He was a past president of the Watertown Kiwanis club and was a member of the Elks. A member of the Lincoln League, he was also a member of the Black River Valley club.

Mr. Baldwin took part in a number of Watertown activities such as various fund drives. He had been chairman of the Red Cross fund drive for the Watertown chapter and was active in Y.M.C.A. and Community Chest work.

A Republican, Mr. Baldwin was a G.O.P. committeeman in Watertown. He was also a member of the chamber of commerce.

Mr. Baldwin attended All Souls Universalist church and was a member of the board of trustees of the church.

At one time he was president of the Watertown Grocers association.

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