

[Barney, Charles Sherman]

WEST UNION MOURNS A GOOD CITIZEN

Charles S. Barney, a Life Long Resident of West Union, Passes to the Great Beyond While in a State of Temporary Aberration. Funeral Tuesday Forenoon.
BODY TAKEN TO BUFFALO CREMATORY

The people of this section were shocked Sunday, by the announcement that Charles S. Barney of West Union had committed suicide, by drowning in a watering trough. An injury received many years ago affected Mr. Barney at times in a marked degree, and he had been in the Wellsville Sanitarium for several weeks, returning home the latter part of last week, accompanied by a nurse from that institution. He complained that he was being watched too closely by the nurse, so Saturday night he was left without a guard and sometime during the night dressed himself quite neatly, placing a bathrobe over his clothing, and was found in the morning with his face partly submerged in a watering trough.

Charles Sherman Barney was a native of the town of West Union, nearly his whole life being passed on the home farm, where he was born February 2, 1861 and where he died, September 10, 1911.

Charles Barney was the oldest child of the late Hon. Alvin Chapin Barney and Mary Sherman. He was a graduate of Alfred University, class of 1880, and studied at Harvard University after leaving Alfred. About this time an incident occurred which shows how an apparently trivial thing may affect one's whole life. Charles received an injury, seemingly slight, on his head. This was soon followed by an attack of paralysis, which affected him seriously for many weeks, and from which he never fully recovered. His intention had been to make teaching his work in life, but after his sickness his nervous condition was such as to render this impossible.

Charles was a lover of nature, particularly fond of flowers, and his later life was passed in the beautiful home among the hills of Southern Steuben [County]. His disposition was rather shy and retiring, yet with him a friendship once formed was a permanent thing, to last as long as life itself, and his generosity was most remarkable.

Charles Barney is survived by his mother and by two sisters, Emily of West Union and Sara, Mrs. J. D. Groves, of Kingston, N.Y.

In the presence of a large concourse of friends the funeral was held from his late home, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. [James] D. Herrick [Universalist] officiating. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful.

The body was taken to Buffalo for incineration, accompanied by Dr. B. A. Barney of Hornell, J. E. D. Groves of Kingston and Rev. J. D. Herrick of this place. Final interment was made at Independence in the family plot.

Those present from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Groves and children of Kingston; M. A. Kenyon and wife of Rhode Island; Mrs. H. A.

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Barney and son Carroll of Belmont; Eugene Sherman, Miss Lillian Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Watson, D. S. Burdick, Mrs. Nelson Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Baggs of Alfred; Miss Emily Chapin of Scio; Dr. B. A. Barney of Hornell and many other friends from Andover, Whitesville, Genesee, Shongo, Hallsport and Wellsville.

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