

[Barnum, Linus Mason]

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The death of Linus Mason Barnum, a former mayor, and practically life-long resident of Cooperstown, occurred Sunday at 12:40 p.m. in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital. He was admitted Saturday with bronchial pneumonia, to which he succumbed after less than two days' illness.

Born in Cooperstown, March 10, 1861, the son of Linus and Sabrina (Pierce) Barnum, his entire life had been spent in this locality except for four years after his marriage when he lived in Tiffin, Ohio. Miss Martha A. Blair of Middlefield Center, became his bride March 9, 1881, and they celebrated their sixty-first anniversary in March.

The widow survives, with two daughters, Mrs. Charles A. Dolbier, Long Beach, L.I., and Mrs. J. Joseph Logan, Port Chester.

Mr. Barnum was a member of Otsego Lodge No. 138, F. & A.M., of Cherry Valley Lodge, I.O.O.F., and was also a charter member of Tiffin chapter, O.E.S., Tiffin, Ohio. He served this village for many years as a trustee, and was mayor for two terms. He was a past president of Mohican club, and was vitally interested in the promotion of any civic endeavor which benefitted the village, of which he was a native son.

Until his retirement about ten years ago, Mr. Barnum was in charge of a state highway patrol in this area for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnum chose for their years of retirement a migratory life, out of which they derived much pleasure. Each fall, until last year, they had made a trip to Sarasota, Fla., in their trailer home "Rover's Castle."

Returning to Cooperstown in the spring, they anchored their home on a two-acre plot on Railroad street, where for a summer pastime together they cultivated one of the most picturesque vegetable and flower gardens, which became known as the Barnums' plantation.

Masonic services were conducted at Ingalls Funeral home Monday evening by members of Otsego Lodge, and public services were held there Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Charles Kramer, retired Universalist pastor, officiated and interment was in the family plot in Lakewood cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 29 May 1942