

[Barnum, Stephen Ostrom]

STEPHEN O. BARNUM  
Death of One of the Utica Citizens' Corps

At his home in Buffalo Saturday, died Stephen O. Barnum in his 84th year. He was born in Utica, January 14, 1816, and at an early age began his business career in what is now the Oneida National Bank. Later he was employed in the post-office, and then engaged in business with his father, the late Ezra S. Barnum. About fifty years ago he moved to Buffalo and became the proprietor of Barnum's Bazaar, a well known trade center.

Mr. Barnum was one of the original members of the Utica Citizens' Corps, which was organized in 1837, and one of the few who lived to see that organization celebrate its semi-centennial.

Mr. Barnum was one of the founders of the Carlton Island Club, which was formed about 25 years ago, and has been its only president. This gave him an opportunity to renew his friendship with the Uticans who composed the majority of the membership. He was quite active in managing the affairs of the club and the time he spent on the Island doubtless did much to prolong his life. He was very genial man, very popular with a large circle of friends. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious belief Universalist.

While in Utica Mr. Barnum married Elizabeth Chatfield, who died about four years ago. Of five children but one survives, Theodore D. Barnum. Mr. Barnum also leaves a brother, Samuel, of Chicago, and two sisters, Mrs. Eliza C. McIntosh and Miss Mary Barnum of this city.

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