

[Bates, Arthur H.]

ARTHUR H. BATES

Former Well Known Weedsport Resident Dies Suddenly in Rochester

Arthur H. Bates, a former well known resident of Weedsport, died suddenly in Rochester last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Bates had been ailing for several weeks, but on Sunday he felt considerably improved. While calling at the home of a friend, with whom he sat on the porch engaged in conversation, he suddenly fell from his chair, overcome by heart disease. A physician was summoned but death came before he arrived.

Mr. Bates was born in Utica November 9, 1849. He was engaged in the dry goods business by Utica and New York firms for several years. In 1890 he engaged with the [Kabo?] Corset Company of Chicago, as a traveling representative, and continued in that position up until the time of his death.

Mr. Bates came to Weedsport to reside about 1870. In 1873 he was married to Miss Ella F. Nesbitt of this village. In 1893 the family moved to Rochester, where he has since continued to reside.

Mr. Bates enjoyed a wide acquaintance and friendship and was one of the most popular traveling men in the State. He was a member of Flower City Council, of the United Commercial Travelers, of the Rochester Commercial Travelers' Association, of the Empire State Corset Club, of which he was vice-president, of the First Universalist Church of Rochester, and of Weedsport Lodge F. & A.M.

Mr. Bates' wife died some five years ago. He is survived by four sons, Arthur Leon Bates of Hartford, Conn.; Benjamin B., Robert C. and Frederick R. Bates, all of Rochester; a brother, Edward Bates of Utica; and one sister.

Funeral services were held at the family home in Rochester at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Arthur W. Grose, of the First Universalist Church, officiating.

The remains were brought to Weedsport on the 4:51 p.m. train on the New York Central railroad. The funeral party were met at the station by a delegation from Weedsport Lodge F. & A.M. and a number of friends of [the] deceased. Burial with Masonic honors was made in the family plot in Weedsport Rural Cemetery, beside the grave of Mrs. Bates.

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