

[Beekman, William D.]

William D. Beekman Dies in California

Fort Plain—William D. Beekman, 89, a former Fort Plain business man, died May 18, 1939, at his home in Oakland, Calif., where he lived with his son, Charles. He had been a resident of California since 1921 when he left Fort Plain.

Mr. Beekman was well known in this section as he was connected with the drug [pharmacy] business for many years. He was first employed by E.S. Gregory about 1885. Later he became a partner of W.F. Shumway, after which he returned to the Gregory drug store until 1921.

Mr. Beekman was the son of Douw Beekman, who built Beekman Hall, later the Betsinger Building, which was burned in 1891. Mr. Beekman was a member of the Universalist Church and of Mohawk Valley Lodge, K. of P., of Fort Plain. Mr. Beekman is survived only by his son, Charles.

Funeral services were held at Oakland on Monday. Interment will be in the family plot in Fort Plain Cemetery.

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WILLIAM D. BEEKMAN

The ashes of William D. Beekman, who died recently at the home of his son, Charles, Los Angeles, Cal., will be brought to this village Saturday and interred in the Fort Plain Cemetery. Services will be held at 2 o'clock at the grave in charge of Mohawk Valley Lodge, 66, Knights of Pythias, Fort Plain. For many years Mr. Beekman was a resident of this village. He moved to California about 25 years ago.

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