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WATERTOWN ALDERMAN KILLED

Stephen C. Bolton Dies Under Car Which Skids on Wet  
Macadam in Attempting to Pass Another

Stephen C. Bolton, alderman from the tenth ward and a prominent druggist of Watertown, was instantly killed in the overturning of his automobile on the Gouverneur-Canton road at Eddy, five miles from Canton, at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Miss Mary Bolton, a daughter, is at a hospital in Ogdensburg very seriously injured. She was hurt about the head and face. Mrs. Lucy Clifford [Crawford], a daughter, was brought to a hospital in Watertown. Her hand is injured, but her condition is not serious. Her small baby [Stephen James Crawford] was unhurt. Mrs. Arthur Bolton and Mrs. Stephen Bolton, Jr., were injured, but not seriously. Mrs. Stephen Bolton, Jr., suffered two or three fractured ribs. Both are at the home of C. W. Bolton's, a cousin, in Canton.

Mrs. Stephen C. Bolton did not accompany the party. Mr. Bolton was taking his daughter, Miss Mary Bolton, to Canton, where she is employed. The accident occurred five miles from his destination. Mr. Bolton, who was driving, attempted to pass a car and apparently his machine skidded up the wet macadam, turning over.

Dr. Alexander Ladd, of Canton, was called, and one of the cars which Mr. Bolton was passing took Miss Bolton to the Ogdensburg hospital immediately. The body of Mr. Bolton was brought to Watertown.

Mr. Bolton had been prominent in fraternal life and in the civic affairs of Watertown for many years. He was one of the most prominent Red Men in the State, having held the office of Great Sachem, the head of the State order. He was a prominent Odd Fellow and was a member of all of the local Masonic bodies.

Besides his wife, there survive two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Crawford and Miss Mary Bolton; two sons, Alfred and Stephen C. Bolton, Jr., and a sister, Mrs. H. H. Deane, of Watertown. The deceased was aged 58 [57] years.

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300 ACCOMPANY BODY TO GRAVE  
IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL PROCESSION FROM S. C. BOLTON  
FLORAL OFFERINGS PROFUSE

Home Crowded With Relatives and Friends of Dead Druggist During Services

A procession in which 300 persons participated was held Wednesday afternoon in honor of Alderman Stephen C. Bolton, who was killed Sunday

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afternoon in an automobile accident. The procession followed the funeral services held at his late home, 650 Leray street. Rev. G. [George] D. Walker of Carthage, state superintendent for the Universalist convention, officiated. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, D. D., pastor of All Souls Universalist church, was unable to officiate because of being engaged in Y.M.C. A. work out of town. It was announced that Rev. Charles [should be Frederick] H. Betts, D.D., pastor of Syracuse Universalist church, would officiate, but at the last moment he was unable to come and Rev. Walker acted as substitute.

The regular Universalist service for the dead was held. There was no eulogy. Following the church service, Watertown Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, conducted Masonic services. Following this service the representation of the Red Man viewed the remains, then the city officials and druggists and then the friends of the deceased.

The casket, a dark gray, with silver trimmings, was placed in the parlor. The room was literally crowded with flowers, which included floral offerings from the city officials, Red Men, Masonic organizations, police and fire departments, Maccabees, druggists and other organizations with which Alderman Bolton was affiliated, and individuals.

The Bolton residence was packed with relatives and friends. Every room was crowded and the porch was occupied as were the porches of neighboring dwellings. The city officials, Red Men, druggists and others were seated upon chairs on the lawns of neighbors. It is estimated that nearly 1,000 persons were present during some part of the service.

Following the services the casket was carried from the residence by the pall-bearers...

The Knights Templar, about 30 in number, headed the procession, with a delegation of 50 Red Men following, after which came some 30 city officials, 30 druggists of this city and the auto bearer, upon either side of which the Red Men bearers marched. The automobiles, over a score in number, came next. Interment was made in the family plot in Brookside cemetery with services by Kahuahgo Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men in charge.

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