

[Breese, Stewart H.]

STEWART BREESE PASSES; LONG IN PRODUCE BUSINESS

Stewart H. Breese entered into rest suddenly on Saturday, March 19, 1949 at his home in Nelly's Ford, Va., where he with Mrs. Breese had only recently taken up their residence. He was born in Macedon Center on May 28, 1880, son of the late Henry and Anna Stewart Breese. In 1910 he was united in marriage to Edna Baseman, who passed away in 1941.

He was a graduate of Macedon Center Academy, Rochester Business Institute and Valparaiso College. All his life had been spent in Macedon, where he entered wholeheartedly into church and community activities. He was a member of the Universalist Church and had served as trustee of same, and also was a member of Macedon Lodge No. 665, F & AM.

He had served as mayor of the village for 16 years, was a member of the Macedon Electric Light Commission, and trustee of the school board. He had also served as director of the First National Bank of Macedon.

He, with his brother Ralph, pioneered in the muck farming enterprise and with hard work and dogged determination finally overcame obstacles; they were about the first to grow celery, onions and head lettuce successfully on muck land. Stewart followed in the footsteps of his father who had been a produce commission merchant in Wayne County, and engaged in the produce business all his life.

In 1948 he was united to Miss Elizabeth Coleman, who survives him. Other survivors are his son, Henry, his brother, Ralph, and one niece, Miss Virginia Breese, all of Macedon.

Services will be conducted today (Thursday) at 2:30 o'clock from the Universalist Church. Burial in Macedon Center Cemetery.

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