

[Broadbent, Charles H.]

C. H. BROADBENT DIES; FOUNDED JEWELRY FIRM

The funeral of Charles H. Broadbent, 77, of 109 Butler, retired jeweler and bicycle dealer, will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the Gordon Funeral Home. Burial will be in Gloversville [in Prospect Hill Cemetery]. He died Apr. 21, 1942 in Faxton Hospital.

He was born in Utica, a son of the late Alfred and Elizabeth Crossley Broadbent. On May 28, 1885, he married Gertrude Jones who died in February, 1931.

Mr. Broadbent was educated in the Utica schools, and when young organized the C. H. Broadwell Company to manufacture jewelry. Several years later he became a distributor of bicycles, which then were in general use. He owned and operated one of the first gasoline cars in Utica in 1898.

In 1902 he returned to the retail jewelry business in Utica which he followed until 1927. In 1929 he went to Gloversville and for a few years conducted a jewelry store. He retired and returned to Utica in 1937, and since then had resided with a daughter, Mrs. Walter J. Scott, 109 Butler. He was a member of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation and the Gloversville Congregational Church. He also was a life member of Faxton Lodge, F&AM.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Judson [Helen L.] Zimmer, Gloversville; two sons, Alfred, Gloversville, and Harold S. Broadbent, Glenridge, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Herbert L. Shuttleworth, Amsterdam; a brother, Clarence J., W. Hartford, Conn.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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