

[Cadogan, Charles]

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

It is surely a rare occurrence when husband and wife and privileged to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary. Certainly, such a couple is worthy of the receipt of congratulatory gifts in diamonds even if friends in depression days are unable to give such remembrances.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles [and Corrine] Cadogan celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of their marriage in their home in Hornell on August 4. The seventy-fifth is known as the diamond occasion. Mr. Cadogan in in his 96th year and Mrs. Cadogan is in her 94th year. Both have been interested in the Woodbury Memorial Universalist church in Hornell since its organization. Their daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren celebrated the event with them at the afternoon dinner which was served on the lawn of their home. Their daughters are: Mrs. Mary C. Williams, Hornell; Mrs. Anna C. Etz, Hornell; Mrs. John Wynne, New York City; Miss Bertha R. Cadogan and Miss Lucy S. Cadogan, Hornell.

The bride and groom of 1859 are in good health considering their ages. It is necessary for the daughters to read the daily newspapers to their father and this keeps him in touch with current events. He was born in Canisteo on September 1, 1838 and his parents moved to Hornell when he was ten years of age and when Hornellsville, as it was then known, had a population of three hundred. Mrs. Cadogan before her marriage was Corrine Sweetland, a child of Vermonters who had settled near Hemlock Lake in the northern part of the state. They moved to Hornell when she was a child.

Mr. Cadogan worked first as a young lad in a grocery store. When the Erie railroad was built, passing through Hornell, he secured a job with this company. For twelve years, he worked for the railroad, advancing to the position of yardmaster. In 1858, he opened a grocery store with Mr. J. W. Nicholson as partner. The two men purchased the store in which Mr. Cadogan secured his first job. They are today neighbors on Genesee street, their properties adjoin and [they] are close friends. After twenty years of partnership, Mr. Cadogan was urged to serve the Citizens' National Bank of Hornell as president, and he served the institution in this capacity until 1915, a period of twenty-eight years. Until 1929, he was a director of this bank.

Recalling his experience as a bank official, he said, "During the time I was president, no business man and no business ever suffered on account of the bank. We never brought a single suit against anyone, because I have always believed there is a reasonable way to settle things when business men make agreements."

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He is a staunch advocate of industry and thrift. He is conscious of all the factors that enter into the present depression. "When I came into the world in 1838," he said, "I came into the midst of the first depression this country ever had and in 1859 when I was married, there was another depression." Needless to say, he can recall all the periods of hard times and the will of Americans to make their way through them.

It was from Mr. Cadogan that the Universalist church secured the loan of \$2,500 by which it purchased its parsonage and for many years he has made no charge for interest.

Empire State Universalist, Cortland NY, September 1934

Aged Banker of Hornell Succumbs

Hornell, N.Y. (U.P.)—Funeral services were planned today for Charles Cadogan, 99-year-old retired banker, believed to be the oldest resident of Hornell.

Cadogan died in his home yesterday. He cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln and in later years voted successfully for President Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and James A. Garfield. His fondest hope had been to live for 100 years.

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