

[Callahan, John Henry]

John Callahan, Sporting Goods Merchant, Dies  
Noted Fisherman Succumbs to long Illness at His Home Here  
WAS CHEERFUL TO END  
Funeral Set for Friday With Masonic Lodge in Charge

John H. Callahan, for nearly 50 years a leading business man and prominent in outdoor sports, especially fishing and hunting, until his retirement in 1925, died Tuesday night following a decline in health which had confined him to his home, 13 Chestnut street, most of the time during the last two years.

A man of sturdy mind and physique, Mr. Callahan reached a high place in activities of his period. He was secretary of the Broome County Sportsmen's Association and a leading member in the Megantic Fishing and Game Club, which has valuable game preserves in Maine and Quebec. A member of the sporting goods firm of Callahan & Douglas, 57 Court street, until his retirement. He also was president, for several years, of the New York State Hardware Dealers' Association.

During the last few months his decline in health has been steady. He gave his famed fishing equipment to old personal friends who called, and he passed with keen regret last April 1, the first opening of the trout season in which he had not personally taken part by visiting some quiet stream in company with some other disciple of Itak Walton in more than 50 years. Mind and memory remained keen until the end and he chatted cheerfully with the many friends who called on him during the summer.

Mr. Callahan was born at Morrison, Madison county, May 7, 1854, the son of Dennis and Catherine Callahan. He attended the public schools of that place and after being employed for a short time at Madison, he entered upon clerkship with Thomas Foster & Sons, at Utica.

Then he came to Binghamton as an employe[e] of Carter & Babcock, Binghamton hardware merchants, about 50 years ago. Soon afterward he formed a partnership with James J. Douglas under the firm name of Callahan & Douglas. Mr. Callahan's retirement to private life five years ago made no change in the firm name, and the business is still carried on by Mr. Douglas.

Mr. Callahan was widely known in business and fraternal circles. He was a life member of Otsenigo Lodge, 435, F. & A.M.; Otsenigo Consistory, Binghamton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Malta Commandery, 31, Knights Templar; Kalurah Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S, and the Arab Patrol. He was a member of the patrol drill team which, under the direction of the late Arthur W. T. Back, won honors at great Shrine gatherings in California 25 years ago.

He also belonged to Calumet Lodge, 62, I.O.O.F.; the old Excelsior Hook & Ladder Co., No. 1, of the Binghamton Volunteer Fire Department of 20 years ago; was a member of the present Binghamton Exempt Firemen's association,

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and was affiliated with the old Twentieth Separate Co., N.Y.N.G., known also as the Binghamton City Guard.

He married on Sept. 27, 1886, Annie A. Clapp of Binghamton, and she survives with three children, Miss Ethel B. Callahan and Donald E. Callahan of Binghamton, and John Clayton Callahan of Rochester; three brothers, Dr. William Callahan of Johnstown, Vincent Callahan of Morrisville and Jeremiah Callahan of Flushing, L.I.; four sisters, Agnes Callahan of Binghamton, Catherine and Annie Callahan of New York city, and Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Syracuse, and two grandchildren, Nancy and Susan Callahan of Rochester.

The funeral will be held at hs home, Friday at 2:30 p.m. Burial will be in Floral Park cemetery, with the Masons in charge.

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The funeral of John H. Callahan was held Friday afternoon at his home, 13 Chestnut street. The Rev. Charles E. Petty [Universalist] officiated. The honorary bearers were James J. Douglas, William W. Sisson, William O. Phelps, J. M. Tinkle, Charles H. Peters and A. Palmer. The active bearers were Ralph E. Bennett, Daniel T. Layhe, Charles I. McGuire, Benjamin Slatter, Herman Doughty, and John Lewis. Burial was in Floral Park cemetery. Otseningo Lodge, 435, F. & A. M., had charge of the services at the grave, and Malta Commandery 31, Knights Templar, acted as an escort.

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