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LITTLE FALLS MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Richard N. Casler Is Stricken After Fishing Trip—Apoplexy Is Cause of Death

Little Falls. July 12—At a late hour last evening occurred the death of Richard W. Caster at his home on Diamond street.

The news of the death of Richard Casler, overseer of the poor in this city, prominent local painting contractor and sportsman, came as a great shock to his many friends, as he was around the streets and engaged in his regular routine during the past few days usual, nothing indicating any signs of ill health.

Yesterday, as usual, he made his way to the Mohawk river to fish, apparently in the best of health. Upon his return he complained of stomach trouble. Mrs. Casler at once started to prepare some hot water to give to him when she heard her husband faint on the floor in the bath, where she found him in a critical condition. She summoned her son, B. W. Casler who lives nearby, but when he arrived Mr. Casler was beyond medical aid. It is believed that death was caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

The deceased was born in this city December 3, 1846 and had been a lifelong resident here. He received his education in the local schools. His first employment was in the former shoddy mill which is now the Rex Knitting Company.

Later he served as an apprentice in the employ of Charles Ani[?]. Eventually he went in the contracting business for himself, continuing until his death. When a young man he was interested in athletics, being second baseman of the Rough and Ready team, also the Pastimes.

He was also one of the organisers of the former south side company, being a member of the C. B. Leigh Company, which was later known as the General Herkimer Company. Mr. Casler was affiliated with the Democratic party and for the past five years served the city faithfully and efficiently as overseer of the poor. He was a member of the Little Falls Fish and Game Protective Association.

He was a great lover of sports, spending a great deal of his spare time lately in hunting and fishing. As a city official, he was always awake to any attempt on the part of anyone to defraud the city, always guarding the city expenditures as carefully and painstakingly as he would his own. Nobody who knew him could say anything but praise in his business transactions. He was honorable and upright and enjoyed the regard of his fellow associates.

Mr. Casler was united in marriage 50 years ago to Charlotte Shepard, celebrating their golden wedding anniversary last New Year's Eve. The deceased was the father of a large family. Besides his wife, he is survived

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by eight sons and two daughters, as follows: B. [Bert] W. Casler and Richard N., Jr. of this city; Irving C. of Wilmington, Del.; Watts I. of Utica; John R. Lewis and Lorenzo, Syracuse; James J., now in France, where he is acting secretary to a U. S. admiral at the peace conference; Mrs. Dudley Van Horne, Binghamton, and Mrs. John Leek of Lasselsville. The funeral will be held from the home at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. [Henry] M. Cary [pastor of the Universalist church] officiating. Burial will be made in Fairview Cemetery.

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