

[Casler, William P.]

William P. Casler

FORT PLAIN, April 15.—William P. Casler, aged 56 years, died at his home in this village yesterday. For the past two years Mr. Casler has been in failing health and had been confined to his home since February 9, with the exception of a week, spent at the Clifton Springs sanitarium, where he went in hopes of obtaining relief. Death was due to Bright's disease, with complications. Mr. Casler was one of the best known and popular business men of this village. He was born here, where he had always resided. He was a son of Jeremiah and Amelia Pickard Casler. For many years he had conducted one of the most, if not the most successful insurance agencies here. This was the business established by the late Alfred Cary and which was purchased by Mr. Casler and his brother, George. Upon the death of the latter Mr. Casler assumed full control of the business which was in his charge up to the time of his death. He was a genial, accommodating, all-round good fellow and his death is a great loss to Fort Plain. He was a member of Mohawk Valley lodge, No. 66, Knights of Pythias and for many years served as master of finance of the organization and only relinquished it when failing health compelled him to do so. He was always one of the most enthusiastic workers and members of the lodge and his loss will be deeply felt there. He was also a member of the Pythians Sisters lodge. A member of the Universalist church for many years, he served as faithfully there, and at the time of his death was one of the trustees. In politics he was a Democrat, but was broad-minded in his political views, as in other matters, and never cared for public office. For a long time he served faithfully as secretary of the Fort Plain High school board of trustees and also of the Fort Plain Cemetery association, both of which positions he relinquished when his health failed. He is survived by his widow, his mother, three sisters, Mrs. H.G. Steer, Miss Elsie Casler and Mrs. Allie M. Keesler, of Fort Plain, and a niece, Miss Ruth M. Casler, of this village. The funeral will be held at his late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Herbert Frank Moulton, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The services will be in charge of the local Knights of Pythias lodge. Burial will be in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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