

[Champion, Franklin M.]

FRANKLIN CHAMPION

Little Falls—Franklin M. Champion, 90, of 1611 Taylor Ave , died Oct. 8, 1953, in Faxton Hospital, Utica, after several weeks' illness.

He was born Aug. 14, 1852, in Newville, son of Moses and Josema Walrad Champion. For the past 30 years he had worked in the Utica Drop Forge Company and previously ran a hotel in Little Falls for several years.

He married Emma L. Walrath Oct. 29, 1884, and the couple would have observed their 69th wedding anniversary this month.

He was a member of the Universalist Church of Little Falls, Oriental Lodge, Utica, [and] Ziyara Shrine of Utica.

Surviving are his wife, two sons, Harry M., Little Falls, and George, Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 2 tomorrow from the Newitt Funeral Home, Little Falls, with the Rev. Howard Gilman, pastor of the Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Newville.

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