

[Chase, William Pendleton]

Death of William P. Chase, a Well-known Lawyer of Fairport

Though not wholly unexpected, the death of William P. Chase Tuesday night occasioned a shock to the people of Fairport. About three months ago he suffered a stroke of partial paralysis, from which he for a time had, in a measure, rallied, until some two weeks since a relapse rendered his condition critical. William Pendleton Chase was born in the town of Deerfield, Oneida county, September 7, 1817. The years of his boyhood were spent on a farm, with only the scant educational advantages afforded by the district schools of that day. At about the age of 18 he removed with his father's family to Geneva, where for a time he attended the Academy. He also while residing there learned the printer's trade, working on the *Herald of Truth*, a paper conducted by his father, the late Rev. Jacob Chase [a Universalist clergyman]. After a few years he became a resident of Rochester, and was for two years a pupil at the high school, during the time when the late Chester Dewey was at the head of that institution. Mr. Chase then decided to make the profession of law his life work, and spent several years in its study with the late Hon. James L. Angle, being in due time admitted to practice at the bar, beginning a career that throughout evinced ability and energy in a remarkable degree. About 1856 he became a resident of Fairport, and was elected supervisor of the town of Perinton for several terms. Afterward he was elected surrogate, and resided in Rochester till the expiration of his term of office, when he returned to Fairport, and had been a prominent citizen of that place for the last twenty years. In 1849 he married Miss Matilda Niel, of Rochester, who survives him. They had three children, John C. Chase and Mrs. Ella Lyons, of Fairport, who were with him at the last, and Mrs. Clara Wadsworth, who died in 1875 at New York. Mr. Chase was a firm believer in the Christian religion, though discarding some prevailing religious doctrines. The funeral will be held from the house to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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