

[Church, Henry P.]

HENRY P. CHURCH DIES HERE AFTER OPERATION

Was Long Engaged in Business in this City

IN MANY CLUBS

Death Came Suddenly After Patient Had Improved

Henry P. Church, prominent business man of the city and a member of the Mitchell & Church Co., Inc., at 201-203-205 Water street, died suddenly early today at his home, 124 Leroy street, following an operation, last Friday night in New York city. His death comes as a severe shock to his his family and wide circle of associates and friends.

Mr. Church was a member of a family five generations of which have had prominent part in the building of the Southern Tier. He was of old colonial stock, and among his ancestors was Colonel Timothy Church, of Revolutionary War fame. He was born on the homestead farm near Afton that originally was the part of a tract one mile square that was conveyed by the state of New York to the Church family following disputes over the boundary line between New York state and the old government of Vermont. The Church family was one of the so-called "Vermont sufferers," for whose reparation this state gave sections of its virgin tracts. Henry P. Church was born in 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Church, who died on the old farm, the father in 1921 and the mother, Cynthia M. (Perry) Church, in 1888.

Mr. Church went through the public schools of his home section and graduated from the Afton High school in 1892. He followed this with a complete business course in the Albany Business College, for four years next he taught school in Chenango county and then came to Binghamton. He made the acquaintances of Homer Jr Mitchell, and entered his employment in the mercantile trade.

The two formed the private partnership of Mitchell & Church, which later was incorporated as Mitchell & Church Co., Inc. Mr. Church was known as a man of unusual energy and had been prominent in all enterprises designed to improve conditions.

He was a member of Binghamton Lodge 177, F. & A. M., of Otsenigo Chapter A. A. S. R., Kalurah temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and other Masonic bodies, of the United Commercial Travelers, the Rotary club, the Binghamton club, the Country club, the Oteyokwa club, and other organizations.

He married Miss Edna M. Burlingame of this city in 1903. He is survived by his wife; a daughter Dorothy; four brothers, Arthur Church of Lead, N. D.; Levi and Charles Church of this city, and Richard Church of Schenectady, and a sister, Mrs. Allen Herkimer of Afton.

The funeral will be held at his home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Charles E. Petty [Universalist] officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood cemetery.

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