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FUNERAL OF B. R. CLARK SATURDAY
Paper Manufacturer to be Buried at Malone
Heart Disease Proves Fatal
Former Dexter Merchant Expires After Four Years of Failing Health
(Special to the Times)

Malone, Dec 28.—Funeral services for the late Brayton R. Clark, treasurer of the Malone Paper company, former business man of Dexter, who died at his home here yesterday afternoon, will be held from his home on Second street Saturday afternoon at 2. Rev. Dr. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church of Watertown and of the Universalist church at Dexter, of which Mr. Clark was a member, will officiate. Interment will be made at Malone.

Mr. Clark was 66 years of age. Ever since his removal to Malone in 1900 to take over management of the Malone Paper Company, he has been one of the leading business men of the village. He has also been prominent politically in Franklin county.

Mr. Clark's death was due to heart failure, his illness having dated back to an operation which he underwent at Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal about four years ago. Since then he had not been in good health although he was able to attend to his business affairs. Two years ago he passed a month at Battle Creek, Mich., and returned home much improved. Shortly afterwards, however, he suffered a relapse.

Until a few days ago he was able to be about and last week he was at his desk at the Malone Paper company. His condition became critical on Monday but he seemed to rally. His brothers, H. V. Clark and Frank B. Clark of Watertown were here and returned to their homes when it appeared as if he was improving. They were called back again Thursday morning but did not arrive until after he has passed away.

Brayton R. Clark was born in the village of Antwerp in February, 1857, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Clark. When a small boy his family moved to Dexter and he passed his early life there. When a young man he moved to Pierrepont Manor, where he engaged in the mercantile business. He remained at Pierrepont Manor for several years and later returned to Dexter to go into business with his two brothers, H. V. Clark and Frank B. Clark, both of whom now live in Watertown.

They opened a general store which is still in operation. In 1900 Mr. Clark left for Malone and with his brother-in-law L. F. Lehr, organized the Malone Paper company, on the site of what was formerly the Weed paper mill. The Weed mill had been allowed to deteriorate and when it was taken over by the new company was not in operation.

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Mr. Clark's two brothers were interested with Brayton Clark in a financial way in the Malone Paper company, although entrusting the management to the Watertown man. H. V. Clark is president of the company and Frank B. Clark, secretary.

When Mr. Clark and Mr. Lehr came to Malone they rebuilt the old Weed paper mill, enlarging it and installing new machinery. They got the mill running in 1900, but after about a year of operation the plant was nearly destroyed by fire. The mill was rebuilt and the machinery renewed. The paper mill has one machine, and there is also a ground wood and sulphite mill.

Brayton R. Clark and Mr. Lehr were the active managers and both have made their home at Malone since. Mr. Clark also entered into a partnership with Mark S. Wilder and was instrumental in forming the Malone Light and Power Company. He was prominently identified with other business enterprises in the village and brought about the reorganization of the old People's National bank into the People's Trust Company, of which he was vice president. He was treasurer of the Malone Paper company.

Mr. Clark was a Republican in politics and was an influential member of the party councils. He was president of the village of Malone from 1908 to 1912 and was treasurer of the Republican Franklin county committee for several terms. His winning personality made many friends for him and throughout northern New York he was known as a man of sterling character and a business man of more than ordinary sagacity.

Mr. Clark was prominent in fraternal circles. He was a charter member and trustee of the Malone Lodge of Elks; Northern Constellation Lodge, F. & A.M.; Northern Constellation Chapter, R.A.M.; Franklin Commandery, Knights Templar; Media Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Watertown; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and a nonresident member of the Black River Valley Club of Watertown. He was affiliated with the Universalist church of Dexter.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hattie Webb Clark, formerly of Pierrepont Manor; an adopted [son, Charles H. Clark?], of Malone; two brothers, H. V. Clark and Frank B. Clark, both of this city; and a son-in-law, L. F. Lehr, of Malone.

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