

[Clark, Edwin S.]

EDWIN S. CLARK OF DEXTER DIES
Lived With Daughter Mrs. L. F. Lehr Recently
In Business Many Years
His First Position Was With Copley Brothers at Chaumont
—Postmaster at Dexter in the Sixties

Edwin S. Clark, well known in Dexter, where he made his home for many years, and in this city, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. F. Lehr, 714 State street, about 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. He was 84 years of age. He had lived with his daughter since early winter.

Mr. Clark has been engaged in business in Dexter for a number of years under several firm names, the last being H.V. and F.B. Clark company, when two of his sons were taken into the business. He had served as postmaster of Dexter and also as a village official in several instances. He had been ill about two weeks, and death was due primarily to old age, it was said.

Born in Chaumont in December, 1831, the son of Danforth and Amanda Clark, he spent his youth in that village and was in the employ of Copley Bros. for some time before leaving Chaumont. He went to Utica, where he was employed as a bookkeeper, and from there went to Antwerp, returning to Dexter in 1858. During the Civil War he was named postmaster at Dexter and served for six years. He opened a store under the name of Clark & Haas, which was changed some time later to Clark & McWayne and then to Clark & Hill. About seven or eight years ago a brick building replaced the old place block over the canal. Two of Mr. Clark's sons were taken in the firm, and the business was called the H.V. & F.B. Clark company. Mr. Clark served as village treasurer and village trustee and Dexter for a number of years.

Mr. Clark lived in Dexter about 60 years. He had been engaged actively in business until 15 years ago when he retired on account of failing health. He was at one time director of the National Bank and Loan Association of this city and was holding office at the time of the consolidation with the Northern New York Trust company. He also took interest in many other business enterprises in the county and was a stockholder in the Malone Paper company.

Mr. Clark was prominent in the Dexter Universalist church. For years he served the church in the capacity of treasurer, resigning the office only a year ago on account of failing health. He was also affiliated with the church as trustee and deacon and held several other offices at various times.

He leaves, besides his two sons and daughter in Dexter, another son, Brayton R. Clark of Malone, who is engaged in the paper business there. He was a member of the Universalist church and Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed will officiate at the funeral, which will be held from the Dexter family home Friday afternoon at 2. Interment will be made at Dexter cemetery.

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