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## DEATH OF CARL G. CLARKE

Carl Grant Clarke, 75, founder of the Perry Record and a resident of Livonia in his boyhood, died Wednesday morning, Nov. 8, at the Warsaw hospital, where he had been a patient since last February. Ill health had forced him to retire as active editor of the Perry paper about two years ago, when he suffered a fall in his home.

Mr. Clarke, who was born in Brooklyn, came to Livonia with his parents, Edwin and Sophia Polman Clarke, at an early age and started his education here. The family lived in the house on Grove street now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Falcone. He left Livonia when quite a young man.

At an early age, Mr. Clarke entered the newspaper business, and was employed by the Rochester Democrat and the Buffalo News, and later by the Perry Herald. From Perry he went to Akron, N.Y., where he was associated with his father-in-law, E. M. Read, who published the Akron Breeze; but in 1894, Mr. Clarke returned to Perry and established the Perry Record, with which he had been associated until his death.

In January, 1888, Mr. Clarke was married to Miss Caroline Read of Perry, who died in 1931. The couple had eight children, of whom five survive, one son, Read, now owning and editing the Perry Record. There are eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1933, Mr. Clarke was united in marriage to Mrs. Hazel Liden of Erie, Pa., who also survives.

Brief funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith, in Perry, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by services at the Universalist church at 2:30. The Rev. Julia M. Tobey conducted the services, assisted by Senator Joe R. Hanley. Interment was in Perry.

Mr. Clarke had served his community in many ways in addition to publishing an excellent newspaper. He had been a member of the board of education, president of the Perry chamber of commerce, member of the Perry Rotary Club and an active member of the Universalist church there. He was also a member of Constellation lodge, F. & A. M., member and past director of the Western New York Newspaper Publishers' association; member of the State Press association and past director of the National Editorial association.

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PERRY—Carl G. Clarke, 75, founder and publisher until two years ago of the Perry Record, died Wednesday in Warsaw Community Hospital, where he had been a patient nine months. He fell in his home two years ago, suffering a broken back. Although up and about after the injury, he had been confined to his bed for more than a year.

Mr. Clarke was born in Brooklyn, July 2, 1864, a son of Edwin M. and Sophia Poleman Clarke. In childhood he came with his parents to Livonia and for a time resided there. As a young man he was employed on a Rochester paper, coming to Perry in 1894, when he founded The Record. He had been editor and publisher until his illness, relinquishing his duties at that time to his eldest son, Read.

He had served as president of the Chamber of Commerce for eight years, was president of the Board of Education for one term, was a member of Rotary, the Masons, and the Universalist Church.

He was twice married, his first wife being Caroline Read of Perry, who died in 1931. In 1933 he married Mrs. Hazel Liden of Erie, Pa., who survives, together with three sons, Read and Donald of Perry, Erwin of Buffalo, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Smith of Perry and Mrs. L. M. Haley of Morristown, N.J.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon in the Universalist Church. The Rev. Julia B. Tobey officiated an interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.

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