

[Coe, George F.]

George F. Coe  
HIS SUDDEN DEATH—FOUND DEAD ON THE RAILROAD  
TRACK A SHORT DISTANCE FROM HIS HOME

Our citizens and the community at large were startled Wednesday morning to learn that George F. Coe, Supervisor of the town of Conesus and one of the best-known men in the county, had been found dead on the railroad track a short distance from his own home. Mr. Coe returned from Geneseo Tuesday evening, where he had been attending a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, the members of which had the day before chosen him as their Chairman. On alighting from train No. 16, which arrives at Conesus about 9 o'clock p.m., Mr. Coe started down the track for his residence, which is one-half or three-fourths of a mile from the depot. This, we believe, he was seen to do. His lifeless body was found Wednesday morning about six o'clock, on the east side of the track, face upward, and the head within a couple of feet of the rails. He was not far from his house, and could he have walked a few rods further and received the care of his family and medical assistance his life might have been spared. He had for some time been troubled with a disease of the heart, and it is supposed that while walking on the track he was overcome by pain or faintness, but had the presence of mind to sit down at one side to avoid train No. 1, which was soon due. His hat was upon his head, and death probably came without a struggle. His family did not expect him home that night and of course felt no uneasiness. We are informed that his health for the past year had been exceptionally good. Mr. Coe's age was sixty-five years, and many were the positions of trust and responsibility to which he had been called by his townsmen. He was a whole-souled man, a person of influence and standing in the community, who will be greatly missed by the people of his town and county. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter. The funeral will be held to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

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THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE GEO. F. COE

Editor Gazette: The funeral services of the late Geo. F. Coe, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Borden of Victor assisted by the Rev. Mr. McInerney of this place, at his late residence on Saturday last, was very largely attended. Although the house is roomy a large portion of those present were obliged to remain outside during the services, but as the weather was favorable no inconvenience was noticeable. Every one was anxious to pay the last respect to this noble citizen, and the large gathering, the many moistened eyes, the regrets of his departure and the expressions of his benevolence at his funeral, all bespoke and revealed to the public how highly the deceased was esteemed by the community and how much his strong arm to society will be missed. As to favors, he was a man even too willing to grant them, and to the oppressed, the afflicted and the poor he willingly extended a helping hand either in word or compensation. Mr. Coe was a member of the Masonic order, and after the sermon the services were conducted by that order under the leadership of Mr. Brodie of Geneseo. A pillow of white flowers, with the word "Rest" in the center made of purple flowers, presented by his friend Col. L. B. Faulkner of Dansville, was placed at the head of the casket... The remains were deposited in the new cemetery at the Center. Mr. Coe was a regular attendant at the Universalist church and a teacher in the Sunday-school, and the exercises in the school last Sunday were conducted in remembrance of him.

As yet, the Town board has taken no action in the appointing of a Supervisor to fill the vacancy thus made. The Board meets once week from next Saturday for that purpose.

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