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Monday morning at 3 o'clock William Conklin died at the family residence in Richfield Springs and the remarkable beauty of that extraordinarily charming day typified the character of the deceased and pronounced the benediction of a long and exceedingly useful career.

Mr. Conklin was born in the village of Mohawk, Christmas Day, 1843, and at the age of ten was taken into the family of the late Isaac Ford, a substantial citizen of that township, where he became virtually a member of the household and received his education and that molding which showed so plainly all through his life. In 1874 he married Adelaide, the daughter of the late Nicholas Vrooman, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. William H. Doubleday, Jr., of Cooperstown.

For nearly thirty-six years Mr. Conklin had charge of the baggage and freight deliveries at Richfield Springs and also those of the old United States Express. For the same period he carried the mails from and to the station of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and while the remuneration was but a pittance his record shows that he was extremely faithful in the performance of that duty, as he was with all entrusted to him. He was endeared to every citizen of the village through the courtesy of his manner, his charity of thought and speech and the decency of his citizenship. Since early manhood the deceased was an unwavering Republican and his knowledge of current events was most thorough.

Mr. Conklin was made a member of Richfield Springs Lodge, No. 482, F. & A.M., June 27, 1868, and some years ago was made a life member in recognition of his long and faithful record as a craftsman. The burial service at the grave was in charge of his lodge. Possessed of a charming wit, obliging to a fault almost, this kindly, genial character passes into his reward with an unimpeachable record, mourned by every one who knew him. His funeral was held Wednesday at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Lewis H. Robinson, pastor of the First Universalist church, where the deceased was a frequent attendant and of which his family were members, officiating.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 4 Jun 1915