

[Cook, Walter Abial]

Walter A. Cook Died at Frankfort To-Day

Was President and General Manager of Acme Road Machinery Company,
One of Community's Leading Industries—Had Expected Illness to Terminate Fatally.
BADE ALL FAREWELL ON LEAVING OFFICE

Frankfort, Jan. 23—The death of Walter A. Cook, president and manager of Acme Road Machine Company, occurred at his home this forenoon. He had been (?) for the past (?) weeks and from the first had said he would not recover. When leaving the office he bade the force good-bye, telling them he should [would] not return. Mr. Cook was in an accident a few years ago [in 1915] and had never fully regained his health. His death removes and industrial leader, a business man of good judgment and a citizen of sterling worth. Mr. Cook's personal qualities had won him general popularity as well as (?).

Mr. Cook was born in Norwich in August, 1862. His ability and industry made themselves manifest when he was a young man and his (?) was well merited. He came to this village from Marathon 23 years ago, when the Acme company removed to Frankfort from that place. The steady growth of the business of the company under his direction was of great advantage to Frankfort which has in this concern one of the most continually prosperous of the kind in the State. In politics Mr. Cook was a Democrat and had been honored by the voters of the town with election to the office of Supervisor, his associates on the board paying him the tribute of election to board offices. In all his relations of life he was upright and honest and made a life record most commendable. Mr. Cook was a member of the Universalist Church.

On December (14?), 1892 Mr. Cook married Miss Alice Lewis, who survives. He leaves also two brothers, David and George, and one sister, Miss Mary Cook of New York City. Mr. Cook's death brings deep regret to his wide circle of friends here and elsewhere and is a real loss to the community.

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Walter Abial Cook

Walter A. Cook, president of the Acme Road Machine company, of Frankfort, N.Y., died at his home in that village January 23, aged 60 years. His remains were brought to Norwich and funeral services held from the family homestead on East Main street Thursday afternoon. Committal services were conducted at Mt. Hope chapel.

Walter A. Cook was a son of Walter Abial Cook, one of the foremost attorneys in this county, and Adaline S. Eastman Cook. He was educated in the Norwich schools and subsequently taught school for a time. After several years as a traveling salesman he was instrumental in organizing the Climax Road Machine company at Marathon of which he was sales manager and later general manager. In 1899 he and his brother, David B. Cook, withdrew from the Climax company and organized the Acme Road Machine company at Frankfort. Mr. Cook was general manager of the company from its organization until 1908 and since that time has been president. The company has had a substantial growth and its products are now sold in all parts of the world. Mr. Cook was a Democrat in politics, one of the leaders of his party in Herkimer county and for several years supervisor of the town of Frankfort.

In 1915 an automobile in which he was riding was struck by an electric car near the Acme company plant and Mr. Cook received injuries from which he never fully recovered. He recently attended the annual banquet of highway commissioners and road builders of New England held at Boston, Mr. Cook being one of the speakers. Soon after his return to Frankfort he was stricken with pneumonia from which he was not able to rally.

He is survived by his widow [Alice Lewis Cook], two brothers, David B. of Frankfort and George E. of Norwich, and one sister, Mary Adaline, of Norwich.

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