

[Corey, Edwin]

At Last Free From Earthly Ills

Tuesday morning early, the dwarfed, deaf and blind man EDWIN COREY¹ "passed over the river" to a happier land where in the spirit life physical infirmities are unknown—where the blind receive their sight, the deaf hear, and all pain and suffering of body are forever banished.

The deceased was a son of Joseph Corey, a patriot soldier of the last war with Great Britain, who died thirty years ago and upwards. After his death the son received affectionate and devoted care of his mother [Jane], until in turn she was called hence [in 1893]. They owned and had a comfortable home of Main street where Schrøder's market now stands. After the property was sold and remodeled, Cory¹ retained living rooms in the second story. The late C. L. Hemiup² attended to his needs to the day of his (Hemiup's) death. Even before the death of this benefactor a good Samaritan was found in Mrs Clough who ministered unto Mr. Cory until the end of his life.

Cory was a good musician and until he became very deaf played the cabinet organ and piano with much taste and skill. Associated with the late Lewis Mead, an accomplished violinist, he found compensational employment in playing at balls, parties and house entertainments. Until within the year past Cory was quite stout, even unto corpulency, but we are told that before death he wasted away almost to skeleton leanness; he was obliged to eat sparingly because his food did not assimilate.

All who knew the man and admired the pluck and perseverance with which he improved the restricted faculties of his being, cannot but sorrow at his bier and grave. His funeral took place yesterday, Rev. J. H. Ballou (Universalist) officiating.

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¹ Both the spellings Corey and Cory are used in this obituary. On his headstone in Glenwood Cemetery, Geneva NY the spelling is Corey.

² Most likely this individual was Charles L. Hemiup, who died in Geneva in 1895.