

[Counrod, George M.]

George M. Counrod

George M. Counrod, a native of Schuyler Lake, and nearly a life-long resident, and one of the oldest Masons in Otsego county, died Tuesday night at the General Hospital at Syracuse, where he had been for about a week, suffering from acute bronchitis and infirmities of age. Mr. Counrod was a son of Caleb Counrod, and was born December 19, 1832, at Exeter [township], and he lived there until he moved to Springfield in 1875, where he was employed by Watkins Steamboat company, and drove the four-horse stagecoach between there and Richfield Springs with passengers for the company, meeting the Otsego Lake boat at Springfield. Later he returned to Schuyler Lake place and lived with his sister, Mrs. P. Curtis and after her death he went to reside with his daughter, Mrs. G. A. Roulston at Syracuse. He was a farmer by occupation. He was united in marriage to Frances A. Palmer of Schuyler Lake, and three children blessed this union: W. P. Counrod of Utica, Mrs. G. A. Roulson [sic] and little Mary, who died in 1874. His wife died in 1882. He united with the Universalist church of Schuyler Lake thirty-six years ago. He was one of the most active members and very devoted to the work. He joined the F. & A.M. Lodge of Schuyler Lake in the year 1868 or 1869, and was a Past Master, and for years was the devoted chaplain. He was also a member of the R.A.M. Chapter at Richfield Springs, and was a past High Priest. He was also a member of Arbutus Chapter, No. 317 O.E.S., of Richfield Springs.

“Uncle” George Counrod, as he was called by many in this locality, was greatly interested in all Masonic affairs and was one of the village’s most highly respected citizens. He will not only be missed in the family circle but [also] among a large circle of friends. He leaves to mourn his death besides the daughter with whom he lived, one son, W. P. Counrod of Utica; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren; also one niece, Mrs. Nellie Southworth of Schuyler Lake.

Funeral services were held Friday evening at Syracuse at Fairchilds and Needis’ undertaking rooms, [t]he Rev. Dr. [Frederick] Betts officiating there. The body was brought to Schuyler Lake Saturday at 2 p.m. and a large Masonic funeral conducted by Past Masters of Schuyler Lake Lodge was held at the Universalist church of which he was a member. The Rev. Mr. Skells, pastor of the Universalist church at Herkimer officiated. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. There was a large number of the members of F & A. M. Lodge present, also members of the R.A.M. and Arbutus Chapters. The following relatives from out of town attended the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. George Roulston, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. George Roulston, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shields, all of Syracuse; W. P. Counrod, Mrs. Frances Dorr, Ruth Elyn Dorr of Utica. The body was placed in the village vault until spring when it will be buried in the family plot in the village cemetery.—Our Schuyler Lake Reporter.

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