

[Crofoot, William B.]

DEATH OF A LE ROY LAWYER

William R. Crofoot Expires After an Illness of About Three Weeks

William R. Crofoot of Le Roy, an attorney who was well known throughout Genesee county, died at his home on Saturday evening, after an illness of three weeks with a complication of diseases.

Mr. Crofoot was born in the southern part of Le Roy on December 12, 1855, being a son of Gideon D. Crofoot. He was educated at the Le Roy Academy and Amherst college, being graduated from the latter with the degree of A.B. He studied law with the late Randolph Ballard of Le Roy and was admitted to the bar in 1883. Since that time he had practiced law in Le Roy, where he was also prominently identified with Republican politics. At the time of his death he was Justice and Village Clerk. He was a Free Mason and belonged to Batavia Commandery, K.T. He was also a member of the Le Roy Hooks.

He is survived by his wife, Fannie Mooney, to whom he was married in 1895; his mother [Louise "Lottie" Hannum Crofoot], two brothers, Charles of Waverly, Wash., and Fred of Sonyea, and one sister, Mrs. Royce of Chicago.

LE ROY, Dec. 5.—The funeral of William R. Crofoot will be held from the house at 2 p.m. tomorrow, the Rev. E.L. Conklin of the Universalist church officiating. Masonic services will be held at the grave. The Hooks will attend in a body.

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Death of William R. Crofoot

On Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock, death claimed William B. Crofoot, a well known attorney, and clerk of the village of Le Roy.

Mr. Crofoot was taken ill the Thursday following election, and had been confined to the house ever since. However, his life was not despaired of until a few days before his death. William R. Crofoot was born on the homestead one and one half miles south of this village, December 10, 1855, and was a son of the late Gideon D. Crofoot. He commenced school at the old district No. 3, and after attending two seasons, entered the Le Roy academy. It was then conducted by Profs. Lombard and Russell on the site of the present Elyea residence, and the primary department was in charge of Miss Kate McLachin. He continued at the Academy after its removal to East Main street until 1874.

During the next two years he prepared for college in the higher classics under the private tutorship of Profs. Blennerhassett and William L. Annin. In September, 1876, he entered Amherst college, graduating in July, 1880, with the degree of A.B. In October of the same year he entered the law office of the late Randolph Ballard, and in April, 1883, was admitted to practice law by the general term at Rochester. He had since continued the practice of law in the office over The Bank of Le Roy.

Mr. Crofoot was always identified with the republican party in politics. Three times he was elected justice of the peace and six times as corporation clerk, both of which offices he held at the time of his death. He was a member of Olive Branch Lodge, F. & A.M.; Le Roy Chapter, R.A.M.; Batavia Commandry K.T. In April, 1895, he married Fanny E. Mooney, who survives him. He also leaves his mother, one sister, Mrs. E. A. Royce, of Chicago, and two brothers, Frank, of Waverly, Wash., and Fred, of Sonyea.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his late home on East Main street, Rev. E. L. Conklin officiating. Music was rendered by a quartette composed of Messrs. Donnan and Gillett, Mrs. Wooding and Mrs. Keeny. Delegates were present from the Masonic order, and Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company. There were many beautiful floral offerings about the casket. The services at the grave were conducted according to the Masonic ritual. The following Knights Templar acted as bearers; S. Percy Hooker, Wm. F. Huyck, M. C. Decker, John N. Champion, W. H. Smith, D. J. Bissell.

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