

[Curtis, Charles G.]

Charles G. Curtis Dead

Death came to Charles G. Curtis at his apartments in State street late Saturday afternoon. Mr. Curtis was stricken with an apoplectic seizure on Tuesday of last week and from the very first lay in an unconscious state so that no hope was entertained of his recovery. Friday he was in a very precarious condition and on Saturday it was known that his end was close at hand. He died without once regaining consciousness. Funeral services will be held at his apartments in State street tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. [Arnold] S. Yantis, pastor of the First Universalist church, will be the officiating clergyman and burial will be in Fort Hill.

Chas. G. Curtis was born in McMaster street in this city, June 13, 1842. In 1852 his parents moved to the old homestead in North street, which for many years has been one of the landmarks of the city. He was educated in the public schools of the city and early in life he went into business with his father, the late John Curtis, in Auburn prison, where Charles S. Beardsley of North street, Wm. E. Keeler of Moravia and John Curtis of Auburn, had a contract for making machinery, engines and tools. In 1859 the contract with the state expired and John Curtis bought the property where the Osborne house now stands, of Rolan F. Rursell, and with his son Charles G. established a foundry and a machine shop, continuing there until 1870, when the Curtises took up a prison contract once more. That contract ran for a short time only and after its expiration, Mr. Curtis went into the coal business in State street, afterward joining E. C. Burtis in business in Water street, from which he retired in 1892. Since that time Mr. Curtis has not been actively engaged, living quietly at the old homestead until about 5 years ago, when he moved into quarters in the block which he owned at the corner of State and Dill streets where he died.

Mr. Curtis was a member of St. Paul's lodge and the Auburn Gun club, besides being active in all affairs pertaining to trotting meeting, having done a great deal of service for the late Turf club and for trotting interests here. He was a great lover of the horse, the dog and the gun and was a pleasant and welcome companion at all times. His habits were very methodical and regular. He was always interested in politics and served as supervisor from the Sixth ward recently. Years ago at the old Auburn house fire, while serving as fireman for Cayuga Hose 4, Mr. Curtis suffered a very severe injury, caused by a falling brick striking him on the head, through which he came near losing his life. He leaves a sister as the sole surviving representative of one of the old families of Auburn.

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