

[Davis, William P.]

WILLIAM P. DAVIS TAKEN BY DEATH  
Succumbs to Illness of Only Four Weeks' Duration  
HEAD OF MACHINE COMPANY

Beginning As Apprentice in Machine Shop at Age of 14,  
He Advanced to Presidency of Large Establishment—Native of Lima

William P. Davis, president of the W. P. Davis Machine Company, of this city, died late yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 6 Lamberton park, after an illness of about four weeks, aged 60 years. William P Davis, the son of Ferdinand and Almira Davis, was born in Lima May 19, 1850, and received his early education in the public schools of Honeoye Falls. His strong mechanical instinct developed at an early age, and he was only a lad of 14 years when he sought work in a machine shop at Auburn.

This may be said to have been the boy's kindergarten preparation for his later career, for eight years later he started a machine shop in North Bloomfield and a year later he removed his business to Canandaigua, where he remained three years. In [1876?] he returned to North Bloomfield. These were the days of small things, but the young man grew in capacity and the business grew likewise until, having outgrown the limitations of a country town, he removed the business to Rochester, occupying the Gorsline building at the foot of Commercial street. That was in [?].

In [?] the William P. Davis Machine Company was organized, with Mr. Davis as president. Three years later the present big brick plant employing about [200?] was erected at No. [?] Paul street.

In [1873?] Mr. Davis married Miss Sarah Wiggles, of Lima, who survives him. Besides his wife he leaves one daughter, Miss Irene Davis; his aged father, Ferdinand Davis, and one brother, Charles F. Davis, this city, who is secretary and treasurer of the company of which Mr. Davis was head. He was a trustee of the First Universalist Church of Rochester and a thirty-second degree Mason, holding membership with Yonnodio Lodge, F.& A.M.

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FUNERAL OF WILLIAM P. DAVIS

Rochester Metal Trades Association Attends in Body.

The funeral of William P. Davis was held yesterday morning, services being conducted at the home, No. 8 Lamberton park, and at the first Universalist Church. Interment took place at Honeoye Falls. The services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Grose, pastor of the Universalist Church.

A special meeting of the Rochester Metal Trades Association, of which Mr. Davis had been a member, was called to pay tribute to the memory of the deceased, and it was decided to attend the funeral in a body. Resolutions of sympathy with the family were passed.

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