

[Diefendorf, Fenton G.]

F. G. DIEFENDORF, ILL 10 DAYS, DIES

Widely Known Fort Plain Business Man Succumbs to Pneumonia

Fort Plain, March 23—Fenton G. Diefendorf, 61 years old, one of Fort Plain's well known and highly respected business men, died at his home at 45 Mohawk street, Saturday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock of pneumonia after an illness of about 10 days. Mr. Diefendorf had been in fairly good health until recently. He was born in Fort Plain, July 10, 1869, and was the son of the late Ephriam and Mary Lake Diefendorf, and had always been a resident of Fort Plain. He was educated in the public schools here and after leaving school entered the employ of his brother, Willis E. Diefendorf, who conducted a book and stationery store on Canal street, which business he and the late Theodore S. Waters later purchased and was conducted under the firm name of Diefendorf & Waters. The partnership continued until the death of Mr. Waters about 16 years ago. Since that time the store has been known as Fenton G. Diefendorf & Son.

Mr. Diefendorf's sudden death was a shock to his many friends. In politics he was a Republican, though he never sought political office. He was a member of Fort Plain Lodge No. 433, F. and A. M., the Universalist church, and at one time a member of Winning Hose company, which organization has been disbanded. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Mae Zoller; one son, Victor Z. Diefendorf; one brother, Willis E. Diefendorf of Fort Plain, and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Platner, also of Fort Plain, and two grandsons, Robert and Fenton Diefendorf. The funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The interment will be made in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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