

[Diefendorf, John Edward]

JOHN E. DIEFENDORF

John E. Diefendorf, 77, native of Fort Plain, N.Y., who died March 4, 1952 in Orlando, Fla., following an operation, was a brother of Mrs. Elizabeth D. Oliphant, of 141 West Fifth street, Oswego. Mr. Diefendorf resided in Oswego many years ago, and his wife, now deceased, was the former Miss Anna Oliphant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oliphant of Oswego.

Mr. Diefendorf was born in Fort Plain, March 11, 1874, a son of J. Wesley and Christie Ann Diefendorf. He was employed in the New York State service for a long period, first in the Oswego canal office, in an administrative capacity, but principally with the New York State Insurance Department. He retired several years ago because of ill health. Through the years Mr. Diefendorf made frequent visits to Oswego and had many friends here. His wife died four years ago [on 29 Jun 1945].

Surviving are two sons, Richard Diefendorf, Bremerton, Wash., and Lt. Col. John Diefendorf, Jr., Army, Aberdeen, Md.; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Custer, Hamburg, Mrs. Katherine Fletcher, Hope, Calif., and Mrs. Anna Black, Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Button, Fort Plain, and Mrs. Elizabeth Oliphant, Oswego; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at the Gray funeral home, the Rev. Lyman Achenbach [Achenbach], pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The body was placed in the Catherine Nellis Memorial chapel vault and burial will be made in the Fort Plain cemetery in the Spring.

Mrs. Elizabeth Oliphant of Oswego attended the funeral.

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