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SYLVESTER DILLENBECK, 97, OLDEST FORT PLAIN MAN
IS TAKEN AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Member of Fort Plain Fire Department for More Than 70 Years and Oldest Volunteer Fireman in State; Staunch Democrat and Served as Town Collector; Funeral Friday

FORT PLAIN—Sylvester P. Dillenbeck, 97, oldest resident of Fort Plain, died Tuesday night at his home, Main street, after having been in poor health for the past few weeks. For many years he was in the dry goods business in Fort Plain with his brother and brother-in-law, the store being located where the Stark store now is.

Mr. Dillenbeck was probably the oldest volunteer fireman in New York State and he was on the active list of the Fort Plain Fire Department. Two years ago he was guest of honor at a fireman's banquet held in the K. of C. rooms, Fort Plain. For more than 70 years he had been a member of the local department.

Mr. Dillenbeck was a Democrat in politics and was twice elected town collector, his present term just now expiring. He was of a genial and fun loving nature. He was well versed in the history of the town and many people gained a great deal of information about the affairs of the community in the days of long ago.

He was born in August, 1834 and practically his entire life was spent in this vicinity. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mattie [Martha] Davis of Fort Plain, and several nieces and a nephew.

The funeral services will be held Friday at 2 P.M. at his late home, Main street, the Rev. Rufus H. Dix, pastor of the Universalist church of which Mr. Dillenbeck was a member officiating. The interment will be in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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