

[Ferris, T. Harvey]

T. HARVEY FERRIS, 92, CLAIMED BY DEATH

T. Harvey Ferris, 92, of 1607 Sunset Ave., an attorney, died today in St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center.

He was born in the town of Russia, Herkimer County, and was educated in the district school and in the village school at Prospect. At the age of 14, he gave up his studies because of ill health and worked on his father's farm. He took a course in bookkeeping and banking at the Utica Business College and taught in the district school at Russia for two terms in 1889.

In 1890, he began the study of law in the office of Charles G. Irish in Utica. He continued his legal studies in the office of Dunmore & Sholes and in February, 1893, he was admitted to the bar. The following March, Mr. Ferris was taken in as a partner, and the firm became Dunmore, Sholes & Ferris. He was later a member of the legal firm of Ferris, Burgess, Hughes & Dorrance.

In 1897 he married Elizabeth Beebe.

He organized and was president of the N. E. White Co. of Utica, wholesale grocers, feed, grain, and produce dealers. He had been a director in the Citizens' Trust Co. since its organization and was one of the organizers of the Utica Home Telephone Co. before it was sold to Bell.

He was also a director in the Rome Wire Co., Mohawk Valley Investment Co., Utica Fire Insurance Co., Chenango & Unadilla Telephone Corp., Oswego Home Telephone Corp., Brunner Manufacturing Co., Eastern Rock Products, Inc. and Citizens Casualty Co.

Mr. Ferris served as a member of the Utica Board of Health for two terms under Mayor Gibson. In 1887 he ran for state senator on an independent ticket but was defeated. In November, 1910, he ran for the same office on the Democratic ticket and was elected. He was a member of the Democratic Association and Club of Oneida County, and was elected delegate to the Democratic national convention in Houston, Tex., in 1928. During World War I, Mr. Ferris served as food administrator of Oneida County and was president of the first Community Chest in 1922.

A member of the Fort Schuyler Club, the Rome Club, Yahnundasis Golf Club, the Automobile Club of Utica, and president of the first Ski Club of the area, Mr. Ferris was active in other community affairs. He helped organize the Winter Olympic Games in 1932 in Lake Placid and was president of the Lake Placid Co. He was a member of the Lake Placid Club, Bankers Club and Manhattan Club, both in New York City.

He was a member of the Church of the Reconciliation [Unitarian Universalist].

Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Leonard W. Ferris of Barneveld and George F. Ferris of Hackensack, N. J.

A private funeral will be Wednesday in the conservatory in Forest Hills Cemetery. Burial will be in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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