

[Field, Arthur Marcus]

ARTHUR M. FIELD

The death of Arthur Marcus Field occurred Tuesday afternoon at his home on Lake street following an extended period of declining health. His age was eighty-four.

Mr. Field was born in Cooperstown December 21, 1861, one of the three children [Charlotte "Lottie," Fannie and Arthur] of Marcus and Caroline (Knapp) Field. The home of his birth is at No. 12 Main street, erected in 1790 by Benjamin Griffin, and historically known as the oldest house in Cooperstown.

He attended Cooperstown Union Free school, completing his academic studies in April, 1879. After graduation he served a four years apprenticeship in the jewelry store of the late Charles R. Burch, the business still operated by Lippitt Brothers, after which he studied watch-making and engraving in Albany.

In 1886 he went west to St. Cloud, Minn., where he was connected with the jewelry business of A. F. Robinson.

After six months there, finding the climate unsuited to his health he went to Anniston, Ala., where he was employed for about two years, until he established his own jewelry business in Asheville, N.C., in 1889, continuing until his retirement in 1919.

Appreciating the value of the native North Carolina gems, Mr. Field developed the production of aquamarines, golden baryls and amethysts, by sending the uncut stones to France where French peasant lapidaries finished the cut stones for his very exclusive clientele.

Among Mr. Field's most prized possessions are bronze medals and engrossed [embossed?] certificates of award which he received on his exhibitions of these cut and uncut stones at the Cotton States and International Exposition at Atlanta, Ga., in 1895, and the World's Columbian Exposition, in 1892-1893.

At his retirement in 1919, Mr. Field returned to Cooperstown and his birthplace home on Main street, where he lived until he purchased "Edgewater," the home of the G. Pomeroy Keese family on Lake street in 1920.

Mr. Field, during his ownership, completely restored and improved the former Keese property, making it one of the show places of the village overlooking Otsego lake. It had never been occupied during his ownership, Mr. Field preferring a small apartment in which he lived alone on the estate.

The grounds and flower gardens surrounding the house contain many rare specimens in the horticultural field, which was a favorite hobby of Mr. Field in his years of retirement.

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He was married at Rome in February, 1898 to Miss Isabelle Ann Rose, whose death occurred June 20, 1927.

Mr. Field was a life-long member of the Universalist church of Cooperstown.

He is survived by twin sons, Francis R. Field of Biltmore, N.C., and Marcus R. Field of Utica; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Ingalls Funeral home on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Charles Kramer [Universalist] officiating. Burial will be in the family plot at Lakewood cemetery.

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