

[Foster, Theodore]

THEODORE FOSTER, LONG ILL, IS DEAD

President of Box Board Company Here Succumbs Early Sunday Morning

NATIVE OF DURHAMVILLE

Had Been Successful in Business Enterprise for Many Years

Theodore Foster, one of Utica's prominent business men, and president of the Foster Box Board Company, died at his home, (14??) Kemble Street, at 12:30 a.m. Sunday after an illness of more than a year.

Mr. Foster was born at Durhamville, April 17, 1846, son of the late Orson and Delina A. Smith Foster. He was educated at district schools, the Oneida Academy, and for two years after leaving school was engaged with his brother, Oscar C. Foster, in the manufacture of tile and brick at South Bay. He was for two years engaged as a contractor and builder and real estate dealer at Erie, Pa., and for 12 years was engaged on a farm near Durhamville, following the milk business for 10 years.

From 1869 to 1881 he was a member of the firm of Foster Brothers, manufacturers of spring beds at Utica. For 20 years he was manager of the estate of Nellis Barnes at Sylvan Beach, and from 1903 to 1908 was in the wagon and horse furnishing business at Utica.

In 1905 with Clarence Taylor and Frank H. Clark he organized the Clark Machine Company of St. Johnsville, and served as its president until 1920, when he disposed of his interest. In 1905, with his brother, William S. Foster, he organized the Foster Box Board Company of Utica, of which he had long served as treasurer and general manager and for the past three years as president. This business has expanded considerably since its inception and has been enlarged several times.

Mr. Foster has also been vice president of the Lynn Manufacturing Company at St. Johnsville. He had served as trustee of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation in this city.

He had been a director of the Oneida National Bank of Oneida; a director of the Excelsior Insurance Company of Syracuse; and treasurer of the Fonda Container Company of Utica. He was a member of the Kuyahoorra Club, the Automobile Club of Utica, and was probably the oldest member of the Rotary Club.

[On] February 16, 1872 Mr. Foster married Lois Lorella Barnes, daughter of Nellis Barnes, a well known business man of Oneida. He is survived by his wife and three children, Dr. Nellis B. Foster of New York, Miss Katherine and Theodore S. Foster of this city, and a brother, Oscar S. Foster, of Santa Barbara, Cal.

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