

[Fowler, Harry Willard]

H. W. FOWLER DIES; A FORMER LOCAL GARAGE OWNER

The death of Harry W. Fowler, a retired Cooperstown garage owner and car dealer, occurred suddenly Monday at his home on Susquehanna Avenue. He was 76 years old.

Mr. Fowler was for more than 30 years a partner with the late J. William Thayer in the Mohican Garage here. He retired in 1953, following sale of his interest in the garage to Mr. Thayer. It occupied the building which now houses Victory Market on Chestnut Street.

Mr. Fowler was born in Binghamton on April 6, 1891, a son of Willard and Florence (Murphy) Fowler. He attended schools in Middlefield and Coopertown.

For many years Mr. Fowler was a member of the Cooperstown Fire Department, and at one time served as its chief.

He served two terms on the Village Board of Trustees, and also had served on the Board of Water Commissioners of the village. He was a member of the Park Committee of the Board of Trustees at the time Fairy Spring Park was acquired and developed in the 1930's.

He was a member and former Trustee of Otsego Lodge No. 138, F. and A.M. of this village, and the former Universalist Church of Cooperstown.

He married the former Miss Claudine Ellsworth in Schuyler Lake on December 3, 1911. She passed away June 1, 1963.

Surviving are two sons, Harold E. Fowler of New Canaan, Conn., and J. Gordon Fowler of Cooperstown; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 10:30 at the Ingalls Funeral Home here with the Rev. Theodore L. Conklin, associate general secretary of the New York State Council of Churches and former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this village, officiating. Burial was in Fly Creek Cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Thu. 1 Jun 1967

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