

[Fowler, Willard Campbell]

WILLARD C. FOWLER

The death of Willard Campbell Fowler, a highly respected resident of this village for many years, occurred early Sunday evening at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital where he had been admitted on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Fowler, who was 88 years of age, had been in ill health for some time.

He was born in East Springfield on November 3, 1861, a son of John G. and Emma (Campbell) Fowler. On October 5, 1887, he married the former Miss Florence Murphy in Cooperstown. Her death occurred on July 11, 1943.

Mr. Fowler formerly operated a wholesale and retail candy business in Binghamton, and for some time owned and operated a meat market here. He also had been engaged in the coal and feed business in this village.

He was a member of the Universalist church of Cooperstown, and had been a member of Otsego Lodge No. 138, F. and A.M. for 43 years. He served the latter organization as Master in 1915, and was its Secretary for a number of years.

He is survived by a son, Harry W. Fowler of this village; two grandsons, Harold E. Fowler of Annapolis, Md., and J. Gordon Fowler of this village; a sister, Miss Cora Fowler of Cooperstown; a brother, George R. Fowler of Maywood, N.J.; and five great-grandchildren.

Masonic funeral rites were held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Ingalls Funeral Home, conducted by Carl M. Green, Past Master of Otsego Lodge.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the funeral home with the Rev. James Alcock, pastor of the Chapin Memorial Universalist church of Oneonta officiating. Burial was in Fly Creek cemetery. Bearers were Harry G. Campbell, Ross Y. Young, Howard N. Michaels and Ralph W. Ellsworth.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 7 Jul 1950

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