

[Frink, Daniel]

HIS TURN CAME.

Death of Daniel Frink, the Veteran Undertaker

Watertown, Jan. 10.—Daniel Frink, the oldest undertaker in this part of the State, and one of the best known citizens of Watertown, died this morning at his home, No. 69 Washington street, aged 82. He had enjoyed exceptionally good health until Saturday, when he suffered from a hard cold, which developed into pneumonia.

Mr. Frink was born in the town of Brookfield, Madison county, January 18, 1820, and came to this city when a young man. He engaged for some years in the lime and coal business and was successful, but suddenly found himself, through no fault of his own, involved heavily in debt. He was compelled to assume for another liabilities of about \$10,000 and had practically nothing with which to meet them. He explained his situation to his creditors and promised them an ultimate settlement, and in 1881 he started in the undertaking business. This enterprise thrived, and Mr. Frink and his wife did all the work (associated?) with the establishment, the caskets being trimmed by Mrs. Frink. Within a few years Mr. Frink had the satisfaction of settling in full all the claims of his creditors. He continued in the business until last November, when he sold out to (___bury?) and Hewitt, having amassed a handsome competency by his industry, frugality and prudence.

Mr. Frink always loved to talk of his struggles and exhibited a pride in his success and in his having settled every claim against him. He frequently said that he had no need of doctors and that the health and strength at his advanced age were due to plenty of fresh air and work, total abstinence from tobacco and stimulants, and a clear conscience.

He married in 1847 Miss Susan D. Burdick, who survives him. He is also survived by a foster-son, D. W. Burdick of Ithaca. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

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Funeral of Daniel Frink.

Watertown, Jan. 12.—The funeral of Daniel Frink was held this afternoon at 2 from his late home, No. 69 Washington street, and was largely attended. Rev. B. B. Gibbs, pastor of the Universalist church conducted the funeral services, and the interment was made in Brookside Cemetery.

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DANIEL FRINK

Daniel Frink died Jan. 10th, 1902 at Watertown, N.Y. He was born near the village of Brookfield on Jan. 10th, 1820, the youngest of 12 children, frail and puny in his childhood. He was reared by a father under the strictest iron-clad faith of the Baptists. After arriving at years of maturity, he married a Miss [Susan D.] Burdick and followed farming at his native place for some years. Doubtless old residents will remember him as he had relatives and friends living in Brookfield and vicinity. Mr. Frink took up his residence in Watertown nearly 45 years since and entered into the lime and coal business for many years. Mr. Frink was a unique character and took much pride in stating that he never smoked or chewed tobacco, or drank a glass of liquor at the bar. He was strictly temperate and never had a doctor in all his life up to his last sickness. He was ever attentive to his business and courteous to all, winning the respect of all classes of citizens. He disposed of his interest in the lime and coal business and became an undertaker, making this venture a success. Soon after his settlement in Watertown he found his congenial faith and church home with the Universalist church, which faith he cherished to the day of his death, leaving to mourn him his wife and a grandchild. Mr. Frink sold out his business in November last and was taken sick early in January with pneumonia from which he died. He was called in his business far and near about the country, often having to fill the place of minister and consoler of the sorrowing, and often reciting his original poems at the grave. He developed [into] a thoughtful man and useful citizen and thus he died and rests in Brookside cemetery.

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