

[Gilmore, Hiram]

HIRAM GILMORE.

An Esteemed Citizen Whose Death Is Widely Mourned.

The death of Hiram Gilmore, which occurred Sunday at his home, 451 Genesee street, removed a most lovable and much loved citizen. For over half a century his home had been in Utica, though during many years of that time his business pursuits carried him across the seas to foreign climes and his knowledge of other countries was extensive and accurate. His life was an active one, but his nature had a well-developed social side and many an hour has been spent by acquaintances listening to his interesting tales of travel. He had the characteristics which are always found in a strong man and which win the admiration of others.

Hiram Gilmore was born in Cambridge, Vt., March 30, 1813, was educated at Dudley, Mass., learned the trade of a wool sorter and in 1846 came to Utica as a foreman in the Steam Woolen Mills, of which his brother, William K., was superintendent. Soon he was promoted and sent to the Argentine Republic to buy wool. So successful was he that he engaged in the business on his own account and for 10 years made annual trips to South America and through our own western states, buying the raw material and selling it at a handsome profit. His experiences in South America were varied and interesting enough for a volume of adventures. He passed through revolutions and riots unscathed. During the American civil war he went to England and France and purchased wool with which to manufacture uniforms for the Federal soldiers.

Advancing age caused him to give up [illegible lines] he entered into the coal business with his brother W. [William] K. Gilmore, and for 25 years was engaged in the coal trade, part of the time with T. L. German. The last few years of his life have been spent in quiet enjoyment of the fortune he had accumulated.

Mr. Gilmore was a Whig until the Republican party was formed and since then had been an adherent of the party of Lincoln, Grant and Conkling. A Universalist in belief, he was prominent in the affairs of the Church of the Reconciliation for 36 years. The surviving relatives are his widow [née Caroline H. Roberts, whom he married in 1842], one daughter, Miss Vernella N. Gilmore, a brother, William K., and a sister, Caroline G. Gilmore, all of Utica.

The funeral, which was largely attended from his late residence Wednesday, was conducted by Rev. Daniel Ballou, whose rendition of the impressive ritual and eloquent tribute to his deceased friend were exceptional and beautiful. Intimate friends bore the remains to the grave—E. L. Munson, Arthur Ashton, George D. [Bickford?], Rufus Birdseye, H. A. Plumb and T. L. German.

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