[Gleason, Harry]

RETIRED BARBER EXPIRES

Brownville, Dec. 6.—Harry Gleason, 84, retired barber and long a resident of this village, died at 7:30 this morning at the Antwerp nursing home where he had been a patient since February.

He had been in failing health for years and had been in various nursing homes in Brownville, Pillar Point and Watertown. He suffered a stroke in 1951.

The funeral will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Johnson funeral home, Dexter. Burial will be in Dexter cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Surviving are three nieces: Mrs. James A. (Edithmary) McGowan, Carthage; Mrs. Leland C. (Dorothy M.) Hax and Mrs. Howard J. (Agnes E.) Bence, both of Watertown, and a nephew, Charles Gleason, Watertown.

Four brothers have died, John Henry, Nov. 22, Gordon in 1926, Edward N. in 1931, and Dorr K. in 1943.

Mr. Gleason was born in Dexter, April 11, 1881, a son of Charles W. and Mary Corey Gleason. He spent his early life there, attending school and learning the barber's trade from the late Howard Roseboom. He later bought Mr. Roseboom's shop in Dexter and operated it for a time.

Working as a barber for 50 years before he retired in 1951 because of his health, he had been at the Hardiman hotel barber shop in Watertown, and six years in the Arcade barber shop. He owned and operated his own shop in Brownville for the last (16?) years of his career.

On June 10, 1901 he married Miss Mabel Wilder in the parsonage of the Arsenal Street Methodist church, in a double ceremony in which Miss Maude Sterling and Orville Reed were also wed. Rev. David F. Pierce performed the ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Gleason were both musicians and at one time had a five-piece orchestra which played at the Old Music hall in Watertown and Masonic hall here. Mrs. Gleason died last Jan. 6 in the Ryan nursing home, where she and her husband had been patients since June 30, 1963.

Mr. Gleason was a member of All Souls Universalist church, Watertown.

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