

[Graham, Edward Oliver]

WAS SUCCESSFUL AS NURSERYMAN

Edward O. Graham Rose Rapidly in Business

Early Saw Possibilities of Nursery Business in Rochester—
Was a Mason and Prominently Identified with Yacht Club's Work

Edward Oliver Graham, who died at his home in Cazenovia Monday night, was for many years identified with the nursery business in this city, beginning with the firm of Chase Brothers more than twenty years ago as an office man and continuing to advance until he became the head of the present Graham Nursery Company.

Mr. Graham was born in the town of Whitby, Ont. on April 24, 1858, and when still very young taught school in various parts of Canada. He removed to Rochester shortly after his marriage, attracted here by the promising condition of the nursery business, and immediately set about to learn the details of the industry. By dint of hard work and close application to business he soon made himself valuable as a handler of out-of-town agents, and eventually established his own enterprise, which he had successfully managed for the last fifteen years.

Mr. Graham was a Mason, a member of the Masonic Club, Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World, and for several years was treasurer of the Rochester Yacht Club and a member of its Executive Committee. While not a yachtsman in the strictest meaning, Mr. Graham inclined strongly toward the sport and was an important factor in an executive sense in looking after the Rochester Yacht Club's interests in the famous defense of the Canada's Cup in 1907.

For a number of years Mr. Graham had his summer home at Windsor Beach, but in the disastrous fire which visited that colony nearly a year ago all three of his cottages were destroyed and he disposed of the property as it stood.

Failing health was responsible for his removal from this city. Over a year ago he purchased a farm of 150 acres near the village of Cazenovia for the purpose of recuperating, at the same time keeping in touch with his business. Last winter he became interested in the development of a slate quarry in Virginia, and was treasurer of the company at the time of his death.

The many friends of Mr. Graham little appreciated his true physical condition, nor did he. Of robust physique and apparently in good health the serious nature of his malady, an affection of the heart, did not manifest itself until a few days ago. and it was not until Sunday that he was compelled to summon medical aid.

While nominally a resident of Cazenovia, Mr. Graham was really a resident of this city. In his death Rochester loses one of its enterprising business men and a man of public spirit. His friends lose a congenial companion who will not soon be forgotten, for he was the embodiment of good nature, the soul of honor and a man whose personality alone stamped the seal of friendship.

The funeral will be held from the Universalist Church, Court street and Clinton avenue south, to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be at Mt. Hope cemetery.

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