

[Grant, Fred L.]

FRED L. GRANT DIES; WON FAME AS STRONG MAN

Fred L. Grant, well known Auburnian and former widely known performer in vaudeville, died late Thursday at the family home, 6 Lincoln Street following an illness of three weeks. Better known as "Freddie," he was acclaimed on the stage as "the strong man," gaining the appellation through his juggling act in which he lifted heavy objects, juggled iron bowling balls and bounced them off his head and shoulders. As a juggler, he played to audiences all over the United States and Canada. Of fine physique, he made an excellent appearance on the stage.

In later years, his services were much sought after at local and Central New York entertainments and smokers. For the past several years, Mr. Grant was employed by the Auburn Street Department.

His only near survivor is his mother, Mrs. Belle Grant of this city. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Langham Funeral Home, 91 East Genesee Street, with Rev. Earl N. Engle, pastor of First Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Weedsport Rural Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 Saturday evening.

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Native of Brutus Expires in Auburn

The funeral of Fred L. Grant, heavyweight juggler and native of the town of Brutus, who died last Thursday night at his home in Auburn, was held Sunday in that city. The body was brought to Weedsport for burial in Weedsport Rural cemetery. Mr. Grant had been in ill health for three weeks.

Mr. Grant played in vaudeville, at fairs and at circuses in years past. He was rated as one of the best jugglers in the country. Born in the town of Brutus, he had lived in Auburn 51 years. After retiring from the stage he took up tree surgery. In recent years he had been employed by the city.

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