

[Hamilton, Edward]

EDWARD HAMILTON

Edward Hamilton, for many years a resident of Perry and one of our best known business men, died last Sunday morning at his residence, No. 14 Lake Street, after a brief illness. His age was 75 years.

Mr. Hamilton came home from his business last Friday morning, complaining of illness and later suffered a shock of paralysis [a stroke]. A trained nurse was secured and under the care of physician and nurse he seemed to rally with encouraging indications of recovery, but apparently the favorable symptoms were deceptive, as he died in the early hours of Sunday, peacefully falling into his last sleep.

The deceased was born in West Brookfield, Mass., on July 13, 1852. He was one of two sons born to Adolphus and Marcia Converse Hamilton, his brother (George A.) passing away three years ago.

Mr. Hamilton came to Castile about 50 years ago and resided there for a period of several years. On May 24, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Frances J. Burch of that place, who survives him. Three years ago they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, at which many friends gathered to extend congratulations.

With the exception of his residence in Castile and for a time in Cuba, N.Y., and a few other places, the greater portion of his life was spent in Perry. In partnership with John Smith, he established a meat market here 16 years ago, operating under the firm name of Hamilton & Smith, in which business he was actively engaged until last Friday morning, when he was suddenly stricken.

Beneath a somewhat gruff exterior was a tender heart, a generous and kindly disposition and firm loyalty to his friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were parents of three children—one son and two daughters. The loss of their son, Harry Edward, by accidental drowning in Cuba Lake on October 24, 1903, threw a shadow over their lives, and it has never been dispelled. Mr. Hamilton was a man of deep affection, greatly devoted to his family.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his two daughters—Miss Ida Hamilton and Mrs. H. A. Slaight, both of Cleveland, O.; also by two grandchildren, Hamilton and Jane Slaight.

Funeral services were held at his late residence last Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Clara Morgan of Hornell—his pastor for many years, under whose ministry in the Universalist Church of Perry he was taken into membership—officiated, assisted by Rev. W. [William] J. Metz. The business places were closed during the time of the services as a mark of respect.

Interment was in the family lot in Hope Cemetery.

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Among the relatives and friends from out of town who were present at the funeral were: Mrs. Bert Smith, Mrs. Lyell C. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Castile; Leland V. Slaight, Mrs. L. S. Hanson and son Leland, of Rye, N.Y.; Miss Morgan and Miss Blanchard, of Hornell; Miss Mary Smith of Niagara Falls.

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