

[Hannan, John William]

JOHN W. HANNAN, TWICE ELECTED SHERIFF, DIES
Supervisor of the Federal Census in 1900—
Prominent as Politician and Fraternity Man

John William Hannan, former sheriff of Monroe county, died at this home, No. 123 Rutgers street at 6:45 o'clock last night, from Bright's disease. He lacked but two months of being 58 years old. Mr. Hannan had been a sufferer for more than two years and a year ago was very near the end but survived only to be in very poor health. Five months ago he was confined to the house and for the last five weeks had been unable even to be about the house.

Mr. Hannan was a man who naturally made friends. He had much political experience and to the end took an active interest in the welfare of the city. He never forgot a favor and was always ready to help others. He courted popularity and popularity favored him.

Mr. Hannan was a native of this county, born in Perinton September 19, 1847, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus [and Frances] Hannan. He attended school at Clinton, leaving when but a boy of 17 years to be engaged as a page by the state Senate. For the faithful discharge of duties he was successfully promoted to positions in (?) of that body. Returning to Rochester he was appointed gauger [assessor?] in the revenue department of this district and spent many years in that position. He was a staunch Republican. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Monroe county and served his term with such satisfaction to his constituents that nine years later he was re-elected. But [only] one other sheriff, James Seymour, divides honors with Mr. Hannan in having been elected sheriff of Monroe county.

Between the terms Mr. Hannan served as sheriff he was proprietor of the National Hotel, the headquarters at that time of the supervisors, rural politicians and business men generally. In later years he was engaged in public business and in 190?) was appointed supervisor of the United States (?). His home was a model one and always open to his numerous friends.

The decedent was a life member of many of the popular organizations of this city. He was a member of the Monroe Commandery, No. (12?) Knights Templar, and of the following: Genesee Falls Lodge, F. and A.M.; No. (507?), Odd Fellows; Cyrene Commandery, Knights of Pythias; Shriners Order of Red Men; Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; Rochester Club; Rochester Whist Club; Rochester Yacht Club, the old Rochester Press Club; Chamber of Commerce and many others.

Mr. Hannan leaves his second wife; his daughter, Mrs. Frances Smith; his mother, Mrs. Frances [widow of George W.] Polley; two half brothers, Cyrus H. Polley, of Buffalo, and Alexander H. Polley, of Minneapolis. He was married in 1876 to Miss Mary (Hummel?) of Kingston, and after her death was married to Mrs. Frances Polley.

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FUNERAL OF JOHN W. HANNAN

Simple Service Held at the Home. Dr. I. P. Coddington

After simple funeral services the body of John W. Hannan was laid to rest yesterday afternoon in Mt. Hope cemetery. Hundreds of men and women, among them many men prominent in the political life of the county, gathered at the home, No. 123 Rutgers street, where the services were held.

Rev. Isaac P. Coddington, former pastor of the Universalist Church, of which Mr. Hannan was a member, read from the Scriptures and appropriate poems. Mr. Hannan's family had requested that there be no address. "Lead, Kindly Light" and "Sleep On, Beloved" were sung by these Masons: Harry Thomas, H. L. Tracy, A. E. Whitman, and M. Van Valkenburg. The bearers were Ward Davis, Henry [?] McNaughton, George Webster, Sheriff Charles Bailey, [H___?] Hamilton and George S. Harmon.

Floral tributes surrounded the casket, half of which was concealed by lilies. Aside from flowers sent by various individuals were floral designs from Damascus Temple, Genesee Falls Lodge, Rochester Consistory, Doric Council, Hamilton Chapter and Monroe Commandery, all Masonic bodies; past commanders of Monroe Commandery; Central Lodge No [60?], Odd Fellows; Rochester City Lodge No. 212, Knights of Pythias; the census takers in the city in 1900, and the Universalist Church.

Among those at the funeral were Postmaster James S. Graham, Judge Arthur E. Sutherland, Judge George A. Benton, Judge Nathaniel Foote, County Clerk James L. Hotchkiss, W. W. Morrison, H. A. Nichols, Colonel S. C. Pierce, District Attorney Stephen J. Warren, Eugene J. Dwyer, I. W. Salyerds, H. V. Woodward, J. H. Davis, Walter B. Duffy, C. C. Werner, William F. Balkam, Alfred G. Wright, Charles M. Williams, John Cawthra and all the deputy sheriffs.

These persons were present from out of town: A. [Alexander] H. Polley, of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. C. [Cyrus] H. Polley, of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brooks and Miss Inez Lockwood of Fairport; Mr. and Mrs. William A. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillan, Mrs. Jessie B. Hannan, son and daughter, and Gleason Wilcox, all of Perinton.

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