

[Harris, Morgan C.]

DEATH TAKES MORGAN HARRIS OF NEWPORT

Newport—Morgan C. Harris, 79, justice of the peace of the Town of Newport, and prominent business man of this village, died Mar. 28, 1948, in Herkimer Memorial Hospital.

He was born Nov. 11, 1868, a son of Varnum and Jennie Coffin Harris. He married Carrie Jones, Iion, Mar. 5, 1902. After attending Fairfield Seminary, he conducted a farm near Newport.

He conducted a feed business with the late Henry Fisher, and later operated the Harris Feed Mill in Middleville.

He was postmaster in Newport from 1928 to 1932, and operated the Middleville Coal. Co. for many years, selling out to his son, Varnum in 1940 when he retired.

He was a former trustee of the Village of Newport; former president of the Board of Education, and was a life member of Newport Lodge 455, F&AM. He was president of the Newport Cemetery Association and was a member of the [former] Universal[ist] Church.

Surviving besides his wife and son are a grandson, Varnum Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Anna Mather; three nephews and one niece.

The members of Newport Lodge will conduct their ritualistic service at 7:30 tonight from the home. The funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow from the home, with the Rev. Fred C. Leining, Syracuse [a Universalist minister] and the Rev. Orville McBride, pastor of Newport Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Newport.

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