

[Hatch, Charles Sheldon]

LATE CHARLES S. HATCH WAS PROMINENT LAWYER
Was Universalist Minister, Then Studied Law, and Held Position of
Assistant District Attorney, Supreme Court Clerk and Deputy Sheriff

Charles Sheldon Hatch, who passed away last Monday at the home of his brother, Judge Edward Hatch, at Perry, N.Y., at the age of 56 years, was one of the best known lawyers in Erie County.

The deceased was born in Friendship, July 15, 1854. After receiving a high school education he entered Tuft's Divinity College in Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with honors. After his graduation he returned to East Aurora, where he was ordained a Universalist minister, and was stationed at the East Aurora Universalist Church.

While in the ministry Mr. Hatch conceived the idea of becoming a lawyer. After abandoning the profession of his first choice he came to Buffalo and matriculated at the University of Buffalo. He was graduated with Judge Murphy, who, with the deceased, is the only living member of that class.

Mr. Hatch practiced law for about twenty years. He was appointed assistant district attorney when Judge Hatch was elected District Attorney of Erie County. He was also clerk of the Supreme Court for a number of years. The last public office which he held was that of deputy sheriff under sheriff Samuel Caldwell.

Mr. Hatch had been in ill health for the past five or six years. He spent most of the time traveling through the western part of the country in a vain attempt to recuperate. While in New Mexico he was stricken with paralysis. He suffered from two other strokes while in Texas and in Arkansas.

He was married in 1892 to Caroline Haight Hatch of St. Louis. His wife, two children, Charles H. Hatch and Alpha Ruf Hatch, and Judge Hatch survive him.

Owing to the condition of his health Mr. Hatch was unable to give much attention to his legal business during the last few years. He was a Mason and for a number of years an Elk and an Eagle.

Interment was at Friendship, N.Y. The funeral was attended by a large number of friends from Buffalo and East Aurora, who knew him as lawyer and minister.

The sympathy of a host of friends is extended to his wife and family, who live at No. 274 Raynes Street.

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