

[Hazelton, George C.]

G. C. HAZELTON OF BLACK RIVER DIES
FIRST PRESIDENT OF VILLAGE SUCCEDES AT 78
JUSTICE OF PEACE 24 YEARS

Drafted By-Laws When Village Was Incorporated—Retired in 1905.

Black River, March 5—George C. Hazelton, who drafted the by-laws of the village of Black River when it was incorporated, and who also served as its first president, died at his home here yesterday, aged 78 years. Mr. Hazelton was a justice of the peace in the town of Leray for 24 years and a notary public 24 years in Rutland. He was village president for many years.

Mr. Hazelton was born in Fowler, St. Lawrence county [on] Aug. 4, 1840, the oldest son of George W. and Almira Cole Hazelton. Out of a family of three sons and one daughter, C. W. Hazelton of Potsdam is the only survivor. Mr. Hazelton, when only five years of age, came to this village with his parents and has resided here ever since. He attended the village school and afterward attended the Jefferson County Institute. After graduation he taught for a time in the district schools.

On March 11, 1863, he was married to Miss Francella L. Stone, and they settled on a farm near this village in the town of Leray. Later he became interested in the Empire Wood Pulp Company, remaining in that business until he sold out in 1905. Since then he has lived a retired life.

He is survived by his uncle and one daughter, Miss Bertha Hazelton. His only son died June 21, 1882, aged 18 years. Mr. Hazelton was a staunch Democrat and always worked for the interest of his party. The funeral will be held from the home at Black River Friday at 2. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls [Universalist] church of Watertown, will officiate. Interment will be made in the family plot at Black River.

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