

[Helmer, Peter D.]

P.D. HELMER, CATTLE BUYER, PASSES AWAY

Associated with George N. Smith of This City—Member of Elks Lodge

WAS PROMINENT SPORTSMAN

Member of Jefferson County Organization—

Funeral Services at Home on Sunday Afternoon

(Special to The Standard)

EVANS MILLS, Feb. 23.—Peter D. Helmer, one of the best known residents of Evans Mills, passed away Thursday night at his home, following a long illness. Mr. Helmer was 54 years of age. He was a successful farmer and was well known throughout Northern New York as a cattle buyer. For the past year or so he had been associated with George N. Smith, of Watertown, in the purchase of cattle.

Mr. Helmer was born in the town of Leray, May 4, 1869. He was the son of Daniel and Frances Grappotte Helmer of this village. After his father's death his mother was married to Mr. Stienhilber.

Mr. Helmer was educated in the schools of this village and later became a farmer. He married in 1890 Miss Della Simmonette, of Evans Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simmonette.

Practically all of his life, Mr. Helmer spent on farms in the town of Leray. He was very successful as a farmer and he owned and operated one of the best farms in this section. During the past few years, Mr. Helmer became interested in cattle and extensively entered the business of cattle buying. He became one of the best known buyers in this section and had much influence among cattle dealers. Some time ago he became associated with George N. Smith, of Watertown, who is one of the biggest cattle dealers in the state.

For more than a year, Mr. Helmer had been in poor health. He was confined to the City Hospital for some time. He was discharged from the hospital but his health had not been good since. For the past several weeks he had been seriously ill.

Mr. Helmer was a member of the Citizens' Club of Evans Mills. He was also a member of the Evans Mills Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Watertown Lodge of Elks, the Holstein-Friesian Association of New York State, the Evans Mills Lodge of Foresters, the Jefferson County Sportsmen's Association and the Pamela Grange. He was the first president of the Citizens' Club.

Mr. Helmer recently completed the construction of one of the finest residences in Evans Mills. He was a fine sportsman, being interested in hunting and fishing. Each fall for many years he went to the Adirondacks for deer hunting and he never failed to return without a deer or a bear. Upon his return to the village with the prize, it was his custom to give a dinner to his friends at some hall in the village.

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Surviving Mr. Helmer are his wife, Mrs. Della Simmonette Helmer, and one half brother, Earl L. Stienhilber and one half sister, Mrs. Floyd Wagoner; and his mother, Mrs. Stienhilber.

The funeral service will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family home here. Rev. G. D. [George Delbert] Walker of the Universalist Church, Carthage, will officiate. Interment will be made at Evans Mills Cemetery, Undertaker W. D. Smith, Evans Mills in charge.

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