

[Hemiup, Charles Norton]

CHARLES NORTON HEMIUP DIES AT CITY HOSPITAL
Was One of Geneva's Most Highly Respected Citizens—
Was Attorney With Extensive Practice—Active in Universalist Church

In the death of Attorney Charles Norton Hemiup, which occurred yesterday afternoon at about 4:30 o'clock at the City Hospital, Geneva sustains the loss of one of its most highly respected citizens. Mr. Hemiup was 55 years old. Death resulted from an operation performed several months ago.

Mr. Hemiup was born in this city in the house in which he has always lived. He was the son of the late Morris W. Hemiup and Lucy Prescott Hemiup and was a graduate of the Geneva Classical and Union school, and also graduated from Hobart College in the class of 1853, being valedictorian of his class. He was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity.

After his graduation from college Mr. Hemiup studied law under Judge Dusinger and was afterward his partner for two years, when Mr. Hemiup bought out Judge Dusinger. He had one of the most extensive office practices of any lawyer in the city, his business being mostly in the Surrogate's Court. He was executor and trustee of many estates, and in fact, some of the largest in the city. Mr. Hemiup was the president of the Geneva Bar Association, which organization he was largely instrumental in inaugurating.

In no place will be missed more than in the Universalist church. For 36 years he has been superintendent of the Sunday School in this church. He was also one of the trustees of the Geneva Free Library, an officer of the Geneva Political Equality Club [which advocated female suffrage], and also an officer of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mr. Hemiup had traveled extensively in this country and last February with his cousin, Miss Eva Hemiup, sailed from San Francisco for a several months' trip to Japan and China. On this trip he had been gone but two weeks when he was taken sick and was ill nearly all the time he was traveling. On his return to this city he underwent an operation which ultimately caused his death. Last Wednesday he was taken to the hospital for a second operation.

The deceased was the last member of his immediate family. He leaves one aunt, Mrs. Mary Nichols of Lockport and four cousins, Miss Eva Hemiup of this city, Mrs. Caroline Perkins of Keosauqua, Iowa, Miss Elizabeth Robinson of this city and George Robinson of Denver, Col.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late home, No. 84 Geneva street, and at 3 o'clock from the Universalist church. The pastor, Rev. Willard O. Bodell, will officiate, assisted by Rev. George Baner of Utica, formerly pastor of this church. The young men of Mr. Hemiup's Sunday School class will be the active bearers. Burial will be made in the family plot in Greenwood [should be Washington St.] Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

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Charles Norton Hemiup

In the death of this man Geneva has met with the loss of one of its very best citizens and friends. It will be remembered that he was operated on about six weeks ago, and everybody had hoped that he would recover his health. He did improve slightly but grew worse again about the 9th of January and remained at his home. On the 11th he had a chill, and as this was considered serious he was again taken to the hospital. [On] Thursday evening the second operation was performed for the removal of pus. Then it was found that the pus sack had overflowed, probably affecting the whole system. Dr. Jones of Rochester was the surgeon in charge. Friday and Saturday he was reported better, but he grew worse toward noon, and at 4:20 he passed away.

We shall not go into a history of his life. He was born in Geneva May 19, 1852, the only son of Morris W. [and Lucy Prescott] Hemiup. His was some of the oldest blood in Geneva. His father was born here Feb. 3, 1816. He died March 20, 1895. Chas. N. attended the schools in Geneva, was graduated from Hobart College in 1873, and was valedictorian of his class. He studied law with Judge Dusinger, and has practised [sic] it successfully for nearly twenty years. His practice was almost wholly in Surrogate's court and such business. He has closed many of the large estates, including that of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Patterson. He wanted everything smooth and harmonious; if a contest arose or animosity shown he would wash his hands of the whole affair. He was the very soul of honor, kind-hearted, generous to the last degree; a thoroughly honest, conscientious and upright man. He had not one enemy in the wide world, no one bore to him even an unkind thought. Such in brief was Charley Hemiup. We write this feelingly, for we knew him well, both socially and in business.

We shall always believe that the trip he took to China and Japan was the main cause of his death. From his other trips he always returned sound and well; from this trip he came back in poor form. The water and food were not good, and his looks showed it. He was yellow as saffron, and although he resumed business, he was not well. His cousin Miss Eva Hemiup, who joined him in all his journeyings, came back from this one in the best of health. She feels this loss more than any one else, because of these numerous trips and her blood relationship. It will be recalled that on the very day of the funeral of Chas. N. Hemiup's father in 1895, Eva Hemiup's father, Charles L. Hemiup died, this further cementing a bond of attachment. The late deceased was not a fraternity man, a member of no club that we know of, but he was the head and the very life of the Universalist society here, kept its head above water, until now it is about as strong in membership as ever in its history, and for love and respect of him, its members will be stronger in the faith than ever.

The funeral was held from the house at 2:30, and from the church at three o'clock Monday afternoon. The little edifice was packed to the overflowing point, and seats enough had not been reserved for all the members of the bar, from among which there were but two or three absent. The funeral was conducted on a plane with the life of the man, plainly, simply. There was no eulogy of him who has gone—there was no need of any—his life among us was eulogy enough. Undertaker Lerch had charge of the funeral. The interment was in the old family plot in the Washington street cemetery. All we care to add is this: Some may be inclined to say "Poor Charley!" Not so. He is rich in the esteem, the love, even the affection of all Geneva people.

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