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DEATH REMOVES M. C. HEMSTREET  
Prominent Otsego Banker Dies in Oneonta—  
Married Richfield Springs Girl—A Much Loved Man

Death came suddenly to Marcus C. Hemstreet, prominent Oneonta citizen and banker, at about ten o'clock on Tuesday night of this week as the result of angina pectoris. He was acutely ill a little more than an hour. He had been at business during the day and had appeared to be in usual health. The funeral will be held this (Thursday) afternoon and interment will be made in Lakewood Cemetery, Cooperstown.

Marcus C. Hemstreet was a native son of the city of Oneonta, where he was born on December 23, 1865. He grew to be one of the foremost business men and one of the best loved men in Otsego County. At the time of his death he was vice president of the Citizens' National Bank of Oneonta. He was loyal to his friends and loyal to his city.

Mr. Hemstreet's career began as a traveling salesman. Then he studied law, which he practice for a number of years. During a three-year service as county treasurer of Otsego County he instituted a system of county bookkeeping that has been followed in Otsego ever since and has been adopted by many other counties. He was one of the organizers of the Citizens' National Bank of Oneonta, later became its cashier, and still later succeeded George B. Baird as vice president.

Mr. Hemstreet married Miss Florence Barker of Richfield Springs June 4, 1895, and their married life has been ideal—each devoted to and thinking first of the other. The wife and son, Marcus B. Hemstreet of Philadelphia, Pa., and one niece, Mrs. Edgar W. Rice of New York City, the daughter of his only sister, Miss Stella, long since deceased, survive him.

His home-town paper, the Oneonta Star, says the following concerning Mr. Hemstreet's personal qualities: "Few men possessed more of those manly qualities and also those finer elements of character that attract and win friends than did Marcus Hemstreet. He was pre-eminently a kindly man. He found keen pleasure in acts of thoughtful assistance and relief to those in trouble or distress and he did them quietly and unostentatiously, their secrecy afforded him genuine pleasure. He was especially loyal to old friends of boyhood days and not a few are those whom fortune has not dealt kindly who found in him a friend in time of need. He took especial delight in affording some added feature that was enjoyable to the meetings of the Oneonta society of New York. His life was full of good deeds and of offence to none, and all who knew him will cherish only fond memories of this man of whom it may be said and of none more truly, that he was a friend of man."

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MARCUS C. HEMSTREET

Marcus C. Hemstreet, for many years an officer of Chapin Memorial Church, Oneonta, N.Y., and for a number of years past, chairman of its Board of Trustees, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, May 1st. Mr. Hemstreet was still a comparatively young man and his going was a distinct shock to the city in which he lived and to his many friends beyond the limits of his home town. The funeral services were conducted by his minister, Dr. Francis A. Gray, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Geo. E. Huntley, a former pastor, on Thursday, May 3.

Mr. Hemstreet was born in Oneonta, December 23, 1865, his paternal ancestors being of Holland descent and his maternal French Huguenots. His paternal grandfather was a soldier of the Revolution. Mr. Hemstreet became a lawyer in Oneonta where he practiced for about twelve years. In 1907 he assisted in forming the Citizens' National Bank of which he later became cashier and vice-president, which position he held at the time of his death.

Surviving him are his wife, who was formerly Miss Florence Barker of Richfield Springs, and one son, Marcus B. Hemstreet, of Philadelphia, Pa.

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As we think of his going there comes to us a new realization of what an individual life may mean. His presence was such a one as to give pleasure and comfort always. He was a man of exceptional mental vigor. He had extraordinary business judgment; he was successful as the world knows success, but far and above all this he was a man you would like to live with. I doubt if he ever spoke an unkind word. I doubt if any one ever in need came away from him empty handed. Business could wait if there were friends to be met or if there were hearts that needed comforting. As his minister, Dr. Gray and also his former pastor, Dr. Huntley, beautifully pointed out at the funeral service, Oneonta is infinitely richer because he lived in it, but the richness of his life has not alone blessed Oneonta. We can testify to that ourselves—and countless others can do the same.

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