

[Herkimer, Ralph J.]

Ralph J. Herkimer

This community was greatly shocked on Saturday by the death of Ralph J. Herkimer, which occurred at about 10 A.M. that day after a week's illness. The deceased had lately joined his mother here after a busy winter at a Florida resort and suffered a nervous breakdown. While seriously ill death was not expected but the heart suddenly failed on Saturday morning.

Ralph J. Herkimer was born in Starkville on September 8th, 1879, the son of Mrs. Joseph C. [Hattie] Herkimer and the late Joseph C. Herkimer. The family removed to this village in 1881. Ralph attended the Richfield Springs school and later attended the famous Swarthmore school from which he was graduated. He taught several years, having a reputation as a physical instructor, first at Swarthmore, then at the Irving Military School, and at the Hackley School in Tarrytown. For several seasons he was clerk at The Tuller, then he became manager of the Berkeley-Watontha for the late Robert W. Tailer. For several seasons he has been manager of the Mount Pleasant House at Bretton Woods, N.H., one of the biggest and best summer hotels in the East, and he was preparing for another season at that resort when taken ill. During the past winter he managed the New Ocklawaha Hotel at (Eustis?), Florida. He had grown to be a first-class hotel man, as is attested by his continuous management of the Mount Pleasant, and his passing away is a distinct loss to the hotel world.

Ralph J. Herkimer was one of the young men of whom this village had reason to be proud. He leaves behind a clean record, his personal habits were exemplary and in his dealings with men he was honest and above reproach. Sorrow and sympathy beyond expression are felt for the bereaved mother.

The funeral service was held at the home on Monday afternoon, the Reverend L.H. Robinson of the Universalist Church officiating, and interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

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