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DEATH CLAIMS DELEVAN HEWITT

SUSTAINED STROKE OF APOPLEXY IN BARBER SHOP AND EXPIRED SHORTLY AFTER.  
Deceased Was One of Johnstown's Prominent Citizens and a Well Known Glove  
Manufacturer—Had Been in Poor Health for Several Months—Death Occurred at 5:40  
O'Clock Thursday—He Was a Veteran of the Civil War.

Delevan Hewitt, one of Johnstown's best known citizens and prominent glove manufacturers died at his home, No. 11 North Perry street at 5:40 o'clock Thursday afternoon, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. Death came suddenly to Mr. Hewitt and as the sorrowful tidings were spread about the streets last evening, many expressions of regret were heard.

At the time of the fatal attack Mr. Hewitt was sitting in a barber chair in Paul Witzke's shop on South Perry street. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt had been out for a walk and on their way home they stopped at the barber shop where Mr. Hewitt was shaved. Mrs. Hewitt remained to accompany him home.

Prior to the attack Mr. Hewitt appeared to be in a jolly frame of mind. Michael Heagie was in another barber chair, and the two men talked of several things. The barber had just completed shaving him and was about to wash his face, when Mr. Hewitt reached for his handkerchief and placed it over his mouth in an endeavor to protect himself from a fit of nausea, but he immediately sank back in the chair unconscious, and did not again come to.

Mrs. Hewitt immediately asked Mr. Heagie to summon a doctor and within a few minutes Doctors Walrad and Vedder were with the stricken man. It was apparent that the stroke was a severe one.

Mr. Hewitt was taken to this home on a stretcher where all that friends and medical aid could do to revive him was attempted but their efforts were in vain. He died without regaining consciousness, about an hour after sustaining the stroke.

The deceased had not enjoyed the best of health for the past six months although his condition was not considered serious. He suffered a severe attack of whooping cough last summer, which decreased his weight considerably and left him in a weak and nervous condition. For the past few weeks he had apparently been improving and it was believed that his complete recovery was near at hand.

Mr. Hewitt was 60 years of age. He was born at Oppenheim, the son of Joseph and Nancy Higbie Hewitt, and resided there until he was 33 years of age when he was married to Miss Estella Pratt of Salisbury Center, and soon after removed to this city.

He was a glove salesman and for eight years had represented the late John Ferguson, a well known manufacturer of Gloversville. He was connected with other firms for short periods, but finally accepted a position with Mason, Campbell & Company of this city and remained with them until

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1889, when he associated himself with John Hillock and organized the firm of Hewitt & Hillock, of which he had remained the senior partner.

He was peculiarly fitted by temperament and ability for the life of a commercial traveler and was one of the most successful men that ever carried a line of glove samples. After the firm of Hewitt & Hillock was started he continued his work on the road and in a very short time the business assumed such proportions that the large factory on North Perry street which the firm occupies, was purchased and fitter [fitted] up and Mrs. Hewitt covered his route through New England until he was compelled to desist by his illness of last summer.

Soon after the Civil War broke out he enlisted in the 152nd Regiment of New York Volunteers, and served for three years and three months, seeing some very active service. Among the battles in which he was engaged with his regiment was that of the Wilderness, where he was shot in the arm, coming home with the wounded member in a sling. As soon as he was able he returned to the front and was mustered out at the close of the war. During service he was promoted to a lieutenancy, which position he filled with distinction and bravery.

Perhaps no greater tribute can be paid to a man than to say that he was a gentleman, and that Mr. Hewitt always was. He was ever considerate of others and his geniality and address were large factors of his success. As a business man he was honorable and in fact that for thirty years he sold goods to the same houses and numbered them among his personal friends speaks of their attitude of his business life.

Although he was of necessity away from home so much that he was not closely identified with the affairs of the city he was progressive in his ideas and always favored measures that were designed to increase the prosperity of the place.

He is survived by his widow, and four sisters, Mrs. Desire Brown of Herkimer, Mrs. Celestia Carpenter of Norway, Mrs. Maria Van Alstyne of Columbia, and Mrs. Charlotte Stanton of Prebble.

The funeral service was held at the house, No. 11 North Perry street, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt were both attendants of the Universalist church.

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