

[Hicks, Edwin Cornell]

TWO PROMINENT CITIZENS CALLED TO THE HEREAFTER
[excerpts]

Two of Canandaigua's oldest and most prominent citizens, who were near neighbors and intimate friends, Nathan J. Milliken, the veteran editor and publisher of the Times, and Hon. Edwin Hicks, have passed away during the week. Mr. Milliken's death was not unexpected, as he had long been feeble and was stricken with a fatal malady a week before his death. But Mr. Hicks, who had been active to his last hour and served as an honorary pall-bearer at Mr. Milliken's funeral, died very suddenly of heart disease early Sunday morning...

The announcement of Mr. Hicks' death Sunday morning was a severe shock to the whole community. His regular pursuits had not been interrupted by illness; he spent several hours at the Trustees' meeting Friday night, was at his office Saturday morning and again after attending Mr. Milliken's funeral, made a call in the evening, and was busy at home later. Shortly after midnight he was seized by heart failure, and died before the physician summoned could reach him. He is survived by his second wife, who was Miss Sarah J. Clark of Belleville, Jefferson County, and two sons, Charles and Kenneth, who are engaged in mining pursuits in Arizona and Mexico. The funeral was held at the house on Gibson-st., yesterday afternoon, Rev. F. [Franklin] E. Buckner of the Bristol Universalist Church officiating.

Mr. Hicks was born in Bristol, the ninth child of Aaron and Hannah Cornell Hicks, February 14, 1830. With limited educational advantages he was a close student and when quite young taught school. In 1850 he began to study law with Gov. [William] Seward's firm at Auburn, afterward studying with B. F. Harwood at Dansville; was admitted to practice in March, 1854 and began practice here in 1855, continuing till the day of his death. He was successful from the start, and he was equally prominent in both civil and criminal practice. He was appointed District Attorney in 1857, and elected as a Republican four consecutive terms from 1863. He prosecuted Eighmey, the first murderer executed in the county. He was elected State Senator in 1877, after having been defeated by Stephen H. Hammond of Geneva in 1875, serving one term with credit. He was prominent in Canandaigua social and literary life, took deep interest in public affairs and was ever found aiding movements for the community's benefit.

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