

[Hitchcock, S. Edward]

DEATHS

Hitchcock—Death came suddenly to S. Edward Hitchcock, 83, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James A. Jackson, Pittsford, early Monday morning, following an illness of three days.

A prominent figure in the work of the Livingston County Historical society for a number of years, Mr. Hitchcock was born in Conesus on December 2, 1858, the only son of Solomon and Laura Coe Hitchcock. He attended Geneseo Normal school and was a member of the graduating class in 1880. After completing his course here he began the study of law in the office of the late George B. Adams, but illness and the death of Mr. Hitchcock's father resulted in his return to Conesus and the business of farming.

He joined the Masons as a young man and had been a member for over 60 years. He was a member of Geneseo Lodge, Hamilton Chapter, past master of Doric Council, past master of Chapter of Rose Croix of the Rochester Consistory and member of the Monroe Commandery. He was a former head of the Livingston County Board of Child Welfare, a Grange member, and Conesus supervisor from 1894-97, and office in which his father also served. He was one of the earliest members of the Community Council of the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

In 1886 he married Alice L. Clark who died on June 3, 1935.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. James A. Jackson of Pittsford and Mrs. Walter J. [Celia] Willis of Rochester, and one grandson.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in Conesus. Burial was in Arnold Cemetery, Conesus.

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Historical Society Pays Tribute to Memory of Former President
[excerpt]

In the absence of Thomas H. Alvord, Adolphe G. Walkley of Conesus paid the memorial tribute to S. Edward Hitchcock, former president of the historical organization. As a neighbor and friend of many years standing, Mr. Walkley spoke with authority and feeling of Mr. Hitchcock's rare worth as a man, a citizen, and a friend. He was a devoted husband and father, a devout member of the Universalist Church, a loyal supporter of the Masonic Lodge, a loyal friend, a kindly neighbor, ever helpful to those less fortunate than himself. His deeds of quiet, often anonymous, charity were almost numberless. All those who knew him could rise up and call him blessed. He was a lifelong member of the Historical Society and president in two different periods, 40 years apart. Once in his prime and again in his old age, both times his administrations were outstanding. "His contributions to this society," Mr. Walkley said, "as to many other enterprises—in thought, in time, and effort extended over a long period of years, and the interest manifest in this organization today, is in itself a tribute in large part to this man to whom history was a living thing."

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