

[Holbrook, Charles Edward]

C. E. HOLBROOK, PRINTING DEAN, DIES TODAY AT 78
One of Founders of Hungerford-Holbrook Plant Ill for Ten Days
WAS OLDEST ODD FELLOW
Recently Received 55-year Button—
Became Active in Printing Industry When Only 14 Years of Age

Charles Edward Holbrook, 78, dean of the printers of Northern New York, died at 4:30 this morning at his home, 735 Washington street, after an illness of 10 days. Mr. Holbrook had been in failing health for some time and had not been at his office at the Hungerford-Holbrook printing plant.

Mr. Holbrook was born May 27, 1850, in Academy street, Malone, a son of Dr. Edwin A. and Anna Melissa Hazelton Holbrook. When but two years of age, the family moved to Carthage, where they resided one year, after which they moved to this city.

Here Dr. Holbrook, who had been a Universalist pastor, took up the practice of dentistry with an office in Arsenal street, where No. 1 Engine House now stands. The family resided at 6 Mechanic street where William Hazelton Holbrook and David Monta Holbrook, brothers of Charles Edward, were born.

Attended Local Schools

As a boy Charles Edward Holbrook attended Lamon street school and old Black River Academy at the corner of State and Mechanic streets, now State street grammar school. He also attended the Adams Collegiate Institute at Adams.

In 1864, when 14 years of age, he entered the employ of the Watertown Times and Reformer, now the Watertown Times, as a carrier boy. He later became a printer's apprentice in the composing room of which he eventually became foreman. Since that time he has been active in the printing business.

He was one of the founders of the Hungerford-Holbrook company, and for more than 30 years of the company's existence, has been an officer. He held the office of treasurer from the beginning until January, 1921, when, upon the death of O. E. Hungerford, he was elected president, which office he since held.

[On] June 10, 1874, at the home of the bride's parents, Copenhagen, he married Ida E. Munger, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Munger. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edgar Perkins, pastor of the Congregational church of Copenhagen. Mrs. Holbrook was born in Copenhagen and spent most of her life there until after her marriage.

To Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook were born three sons: Henry [Munger], who was born March 22, 1878, and died December [19], 1924; Charles Winfield,

born June 18, 1880, now a resident of Texas, and Raymond, born January 10, 1884, and died February 20, 1901.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook lived in South Orchard street until 1890, when they removed to TenEyck street. In the fall of 1901 they moved to the present home, 735 Washington street, corner of Park avenue.

Member of All Souls

Mr. Holbrook was a member of All Soul's Universalist church of which for many years he was a trustee. He was for many years secretary and treasurer of Brookside Cemetery association, resigning from that office on December 10 of last year. In accepting his resignation, the trustees framed a resolution expressing their high regard for his personal worth and loyalty to the interests of the association.

He was the oldest Odd Fellow in this city, having joined Watertown City Lodge, 291, in October 1871. He was the first initiated member to hold the office of noble grand, his term as presiding officer being in 1874. Among his prized possessions of recent years were the emblems awarded by the lodge to indicate the term of membership. Mr. Holbrook received his 55 year emblem in April, 1927.

Mr. Holbrook had always enjoyed good health. Mrs. Holbrook stated today that he had never been ill enough to need the services of a nurse in the 54 years of their married life.

Funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 at the home, 735 Washington street, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Soul's Universalist church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Brookside cemetery.

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