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DEATH CLAIMS FORMER MAYOR F. A. HOLLISTER  
Municipal Offices to Close Wednesday During  
Funeral of President of Cortland Baking Company

Fred A. Hollister, 59, who served three terms as mayor of Cortland, died Sunday night at 10 o'clock at the Cortland County Hospital following an illness of four weeks.

Stricken ill on Memorial Day, Mr. Hollister, who had been in poor health for several years, was taken from his home, 88 Maple Avenue to the hospital last week where an operation was performed in an effort to save his life.

Funeral services will be held from the First Universalist Church Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. Gustave [Gustav] Ulrich, pastor, officiating [assisted by Rev. Joseph A. Judge of Perry, a former minister of the church]. Burial will be in Cortland Rural cemetery.

Mayor Fred A. Wilkins upon being informed of the hour of the funeral today, directed the closing of municipal offices and requested that all business houses of the city close their doors during the hour of the funeral.

Mr. Hollister had been active in civic affairs for many years and was the only mayor of Cortland to have served three terms from 1913 to 1917. The following year he was elected mayor and served in that office until 1926, winning the esteem of his townspeople through his efficient management of community affairs.

During his years in public office he was influential in the erection of the central fire station, the new court house, the new State Normal School and the enlarging of Central High School. He also saw an expansion in the city's paving program and other civic improvements. He fostered the ordinance permitting the payment of city taxes in two installments.

Fred Arthur Hollister was born June 6, 1873, in the old Academy in De Ruyter, Madison County, where his parents, Harvey D. and Martha E. Thompson Hollister, were teaching school. He came to Cortland while a youngster and attended the public schools and the State Normal School.

When only 12 years of age he began working at the Wickwire Brothers wire mills in this city, but a few months later he decided to become a baker. From 1889 to 1891 he was employed by his brothers, H. P. and T. N. Hollister, prominent local bakers at that time. In order that he might gain more knowledge and new ideas in the trade, he worked for the next three years in bakeries at Duluth, Minn.

While in the west at the age of 18 years he was elected president of the Bakers' Union. In 1894 he returned to Cortland and went into partnership with his brothers, later consolidating with the Coon Brothers. A few years

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later he purchased all interests in the growing business, and conducted the establishment alone.

In 1917, after several years of successful baking, he took his son, Robert Charles Hollister, in the firm with him, and the concern then became known as the Cortland Baking Company, one of the leading wholesale baking firms of its kind in New York State. The company is a member of the New York State Bakers' Association, of which F. A. Hollister was president in 1925.

In 1931 the Corning Baking Company was organized at Corning, N.Y., as a separate unit by the Cortland Baking Company. Mr. Hollister served as president of that firm also.

He was a member of the Cortland Rotary Club, Cortlandville lodge, 470, F. & A.M. and of the Universalist Church, of which he was a trustee.

He was married June 6, 1894 to Miss Ardell S. Heath of Truxton, who survives him. He is survived also by three children, Mrs. Lewis R. [Eloise] Hart of San Francisco, Mrs. F. T. [Helen] Lenane of Corning, Robert Charles Hollister of Cortland, and two brothers, William K. Hollister and H. Dell Hollister of Cortland, and a sister, Mrs. W. J. Buchanan of McGraw.

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