

[Hollister, Walter J.]

Walter J. Hollister

Walter J. Hollister, 71, died on Saturday at his home in Newville.

He was born in Clarendon, N.Y., the son of George and Mary E. Hevener Hollister. Mr. Hollister came to this section to work on Barge canal construction. Later, he was engaged in Federal and State highway building and served the Town of Danube as town clerk at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Coxsackie Masonic lodge, the Odd Fellows and a past master of Nowadaga Grange of Newville. He attended the Little Falls Universalist church.

Mr. Hollister was a mineralogist of note, with an extensive collection of minerals and semi-precious stones. He specialized in Little Falls "diamonds" and was widely known as an authority on this subject. At the recent hobby show in Little Falls, he exhibited a large collection of these and other interesting specimens.

Survivors include his wife, the former Grace Hotaling, Coxsackie; five daughters, Mrs. Edward [Armeta] Keniery, Coxsackie, Mrs. Vera Austin, Mrs. Grace Thorwald, Mrs. Andrew Cagwin, Newville, [and] Mrs. Leland Darwin, Little Falls RD; a brother, David Hollister, Hartwick; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at the home in Newville, with Rev. Howard Gilman, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist church, Little Falls officiating. Bural in Newville cemetery.

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