

[Hughes, Arthur Joab]

Death of A. J. Hughes

Arthur Joab Hughes died suddenly at his home, No. 152 Fargo avenue, in Buffalo last Sunday morning, of apoplexy. He was in his usual good health up to the date of his demise. The apoplectic shock [a stroke] was severe and he was dead before a doctor could reach his side.

Mr. Hughes was born in Belfast, this county, August 27, 1845, his parents being Joab B. Hughes and wife, *nee* Lucy King. Their son grew to manhood in Friendship and made his first business venture as collecting agent for printer Geo. W. Dickinson, of Wellsville. In the spring of 1873 he started the Port Allegany Reporter, which he maintained for nearly 20 years in a flourishing condition. He was also the founder of the Eldred Eagle and the Austin Autograph. In 1891 he sold the Reporter to C. O. Laymon and removed to Buffalo where he became a member of the real estate exchange, was local manager of the Buffalo Fair several years ago, and later manager of the Consolidated Country Press advertising agency. He was intending to spend his next summer on his farm in Friendship.

Mr. Hughes married Mrs. Alice Busby, *nee* Higgins, of Friendship, August 19, 1875. He was an excellent husband and a kind father to her then young children, now Mrs. W. C. Carter of Renovo, Pa., and Mrs. F. R. Utter, of Friendship. To Mrs. Hughes the sympathy of many friends here is warmly extended.

Mr. Hughes was a member of Liberty Lodge No. 505, F. and A. M. of Buffalo, and Arnold Chapter No. 254 of Port Allegany, Pa. The funeral, which occurred here last Tuesday, was conducted by the Masonic societies of Port Allegany and Friendship, Revs. [Jay J.] Brayton and [Francis M.] Alvord [both being Universalist clergymen] making appropriate remarks at the Universalist church. Among the out of town people present were Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Fields, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dolley, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. McDowel, C. O. Laymon and a number of other friends from Port Allegany, who chartered a car for their use.

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