

[Humphrey, Hiram]

Thursday morning Hiram Humphrey came to this village to do some errands, get his mail, etc. A little after 11 o'clock he went into the public sitting room of the Victor House and chatted with a friend a few moments. When he arose to go out he fell to the floor, but got upon his feet and was assisted to a chair. It was seen that he was ill and he was taken to a room across the hall and laid on a couch. Dr. Jackson was summoned, and upon examination his condition was considered critical. Mrs. Humphrey was hastily summoned, but before she arrived he had relapsed into a comatose state from which he did not rally, and at 3 o'clock he quietly passed away. The physicians pronounced it a case of apoplexy. The remains were taken in charge by Mr. Curtice and removed to his late home during the evening. Mr. Humphrey was one of Victor's most respected citizens. He was born in this town February 2, 1833, the son of Rufus Humphrey, who was one of the early settlers of this town, and the inventor of the threshing machine cylinder. Hiram received a good education in the country school and at the Clinton Liberal Institute. He was engaged in work for one of the railroads running out of Chicago for a short time, but returned to this town to care for his father's business. [On] Nov. 7th, 1866, he was married to Sarah A. Miller, sister of our townsman, L. [Luman] P. Miller. One child, a daughter, was born to them, who with her mother mourns a kind parent and husband. In politics Mr. Humphrey was a staunch Republican and he has served the town in the capacity of assessor and other town offices. He was a faithful attendant at the Universalist church, and contributed liberally of his time and means to its support. Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. L. P. [Mary] Miller, of this town, Mrs. Guy Collins, of Mertensia, Chas. I. Humphrey of Chicago, Ill., and Lucien M. Humphrey of Jamestown, Dakota. The funeral services will be held from his late home Sunday at 2 p.m. The services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Bard.

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