

[Hurd, Alonzo M.]

"LONNY" HURD IS DEAD

Picturesque Character of Old Auburn Lived to Great Age.

Alonzo M. Hurd, more familiarly known as "Lonny," died suddenly at his home at No. 5 William street, Friday morning at 5 o'clock. Forty years ago when the late Charles A. Caulkins was at the head of the city department of the Advertiser, when reporting the proceedings of the common council he generally introduced his report by writing up "Lonny." This gave Mr. Hurd considerable notoriety and he was known to almost everyone in the city on that account: another reason why he was so readily recognized was on account of his regular attendance at funerals and burials. Scarcely ever has a burial taken place in Fort Hill for many years past and indeed until old age incapacitated him from climbing the hill, that Mr. Hurd's small spare form, half-paralyzed, shaking with palsy and old age, leaning heavily upon his cane, has not been recognized standing in the shadows of the trees, or in the midst of the assembled friends and mourners.

Mr. Hurd was in the 85th year of his age. He was the son of Philip Hurd and Mary Cashion, both former residents of this city. The deceased had lived here all his life. Years ago he was employed by Richardson Bros., his occupation being matting chairs. Afterwards he was for a long term of years janitor of the common council chambers, since which time he has been in no active employment. Mr. Hurd's death was sudden; he had been in ill health for some months past, but apparently he was as well as usual last night. This morning his nephew, Louis M. Dean, who has been caring for him, and who resides up stairs, heard a noise in his uncle's room, and upon reaching his bedside, the aged patient suddenly expired.

The funeral will take place at the undertaking rooms of Charles S. Gross, in Genesee street, Sssunday afternoon Dec. 29, at 3 o'clock, the Rev. A. [Arnold] S. Yantis, pastor of the First Universalist church, officiating. Burial will be made in Fort Hill cemetery.

The deceased is survived by one sister, Miss Elizabeth C. Hurd, and two brothers, Philip and James Hurd of this city, and a nephew, Louis M. Dean, also of this city.

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