

[Kendall, Frederick]

FREDERICK KENDALL. The history of this family may be traced back in England for many generations. Francis Kendall, the immigrant, landed at Boston prior of 1640. Among the ancestors of Frederick Kendall was one Jacob (John, Jacob, Francis), who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and lived at Dunstable, Mass. The third Jacob Kendall carried the family name into Vermont. One of his children was Jacob Willard Kendall, who came, a pioneer, into Western New York and who married Rebecca Sherman Winslow, descendant of Kenelm Winslow, who came over in the Mayflower in 1629, and who was a brother of Governor Edward Winslow of the Plymouth Colony. Among the children of Jacob Willard Kendall and his wife, Rebecca, was Frederick Kendall.

Frederick Kendall was born in Darien, Genesee County, N.Y., January 6, 1825. As a lad he worked on his father's farm, and attended district school. He came to Buffalo when a young man, later going to Chicago in 1846. He soon returned to Buffalo, where he successfully engaged in business till 1849. In that year he removed to Detroit, where for two years he conducted a large hardware and stove store. In 1851 he again returned to Buffalo, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits up to retirement.

Mr. Kendall was a Republican. From 1877 to 1884 he represented the old Second Ward as Supervisor, and during 1887 and 1888 as Alderman. In 1888 when the Grade Crossings Commission was created by act of the Legislature, Mr. Kendall was named as one of the original Commissioners. He remained a member of the Commission to the day of his death, and his work in that connection stands as an enduring memorial of public achievement.

On the 23d of March, 1854, Mr. Kendall married Miss Elsey L. Saunders of Darien, Genesee County, N.Y., a daughter of Edward Saunders. The mother of Mrs. Kendall was Margaret Williams, a direct descendant of the famous Roger Williams of Colonial days. Their living children are: Ella H., Jennie Margaret (Mrs. Frank J. Cooper), and Frederick W.

Mr. Kendall was a member of Hiram Lodge, No. 105, F. & A. M., and became a Master Mason in 1863. For many years he was a member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah.

Frederick Kendall died August 15, 1904. His death was the occasion of many notable tributes to his ability and worth. On the day of his funeral the flags of City Hall were hung at half-mast in honor of his memory.

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