

[King, Charles J.]

CHARLES KING, CICERO HOTEL OWNER, DIES

In failing health a number of years, Charles J. King, 69, well-known proprietor of King's hotel in Cicero, died there at 9:10 o'clock Wednesday night.

About 10 years ago an infection necessitated the amputation of one leg. He regained his health after the operation and by means of an artificial limb was able to get around well again.

Five years ago a similar infection made necessary the amputation of his other leg, but he again overcame his handicap and since then had walked with two artificial limbs. He became seriously ill in early March, but rallied from the sickness and had been in fairly good health until recently.

Born in Liverpool, Mr. King was a barber in the village several years before he went to Cicero and opened a shop in the hotel, then operated by Arthur Nann. He remained in Cicero for two years before returning to Liverpool to pursue his trade. Six years later, on May 7, 1895, he went back to Cicero and bought the hotel from Spencer Hawn.

Although his patronage was at all times good, Mr. King often longed for the "good old days" when the plank road was in use. He once said:

"In those days, bicycles were the fastest things on the road and were so numerous on the old plank road that horses seemed as scarce as now."

He often recalled the day that Edna May, then the toast of American theatergoers, rode out to his hotel on a tandem with her first husband, Fred Titus.

He was a prominent lodge member, being a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Centerville Lodge, Knights Templar, Shriners, Central City Consistory, Khedar Khan, Tigris Temple, Odd Fellows, Foresters of America and the B.P.O.E.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hattie King; a sister, Mrs. N. J. Dinehart of Liverpool, and three brothers, George King of Arlington, Wash., and William and Edward King of Minnesota.

Funeral services will take place at the hotel at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with Rev. John H. Campbell, pastor of the Cicero Universalist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Julia M. Tobey. Burial will be in North Syracuse.

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