[Knapp, Edgar]

EDGAR KNAPP DIES IN NEARBY VILLAGE Prominent In Affairs Of Middleport—Invented Bean Picker

Edgar Knapp, 78, prominent Middleport resident, died yesterday afternoon at his home in Main street, that village, after a long illness.

Mr. Knapp was a director of the Niagara Sprayer Company, a director of the First National Bank of Middleport and president of the Mountain Ridge Cemetery association. He was highly respected throughout the village, Knapp athletic field was named in his honor.

Born in the town of Royalton, Mr. Knapp spent the early years of his life on a farm. He possessed a natural mechanical ability and as a young man invented a bean picking machine on which he later sold the patent.

His wife, Mrs. Ida Compton Knapp, one daughter, Mrs. Edwin Collins, two sisters, Miss Dorothy Knapp and Mrs. Charles Hayner, and one granddaughter, Esther Collins, all of Middleport, survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home, the Rev. C. C. [Charles Clare] Blauvelt of the First Universalist church, Rochester, formerly of Middleport, officiating. Burial will be in Mountain Ridge cemetery, Middleport.

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