

[Lamphear, Blair D.]

B. D. LAMPHEAR, DIES IN ROME

Blair D. Lamphear, 72, farmer and past master of New London Masonic Lodge, died unexpectedly Feb. 21, 1959 at his home on Lamphear Rd., following a heart attack.

He was born Oct. 8, 1888, in Sharpsville, Pa., a son of the Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt Lamphear. He graduated from Fort Plain High School and St. Lawrence University. Later her completed an agricultural course at Cornell.

Mr. Lamphear married twice. His first wife Mabel Wallace died in 1937. On Nov. 6, 1944 he married Eleanor Kent Reese in Calvary Methodist Church parsonage, Rome, with the Rev. George Butler officiating.

His father was a Universalist minister and the family resided in Bridgewater, Fort Plain and other places in Central New York. He was a member of the Oneida County Farm Bureau and of Westmoreland Grange.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Blair, Jr. and Donald, at home; a stepson, Irwin L. Reese, in the Air Force in Germany; two sisters, Mrs. William J. Metz, Kingston, R.I., [and] Mrs. Clinton A. [Ida] Moulton, Dolgeville; a brother, Leonard B. Lamphear, Rome.

The funeral will be at 2 Wednesday from the (M??) F. Strong Funeral Home, with the Rev. John J. Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. The body will be placed in the Rome Cemetery vault for burial in the spring.

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