

[McDonough, Michael]

MICHAEL McDONOUGH

Michael McDonough, aged 70, and one of the pioneer and best known business men of Gloversville, who conducted a meat market in that city for the past thirty-five years, died at his home, No. (10?) Fremont street, Gloversville, last night at 10:20, after an illness covering three months. He is survived by two sons, Peter and Frank McDonough, both of Gloversville, and one daughter, Mrs. J. D. Heath of Buffalo.

Mr. McDonough was born in Longford, Ireland, where he lived until sixteen years of age, when he came to this country, in company with Frank Heavey, in a sailing vessel. Arriving at New York he had fully intended to make for the west where reports had reached his ears that golden opportunities were to be had for young men.

Mr. McDonough and Mr. Heavey sailed up the Hudson as far as Albany and thence to Port Jackson by the Erie Canal. They both intended to proceed farther but stopped at Port Jackson for a few days. There they were persuaded to give up the idea of going West by a workman who wanted workmen in the timber lands, north of that point. Both hired out to him but did not stay long.

Mr. Heavey was skilled in working leather and he interested Mr. McDonough and James Allcock in a scheme to locate in Gloversville. They accordingly began finishing leather in a shop located in the open fields about where the present factory of Rogers and Smith stands today on Spring street.

Mr. McDonough shortly after this left the firm to start in the meat business in partnership with David Wilson. The store which they opened was located on the corner of Main and Fulton streets, Gloversville, at the point where the Rose building is now situated. During this period Mr. McDonough married Miss Elizabeth Murphy of Johnstown, who died in 1900.

In 1876, Mr. McDonough left the firm to open a store of his own on South Main street. This he has continued ever since. His son, Peter, was taken into partnership by him several years ago, and he took absolute charge of the business last August.

Mr. McDonough was one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Gloversville. He was affiliated with the Universalist church, and for years was a staunch Democrat. He was a well known local authority on sports and was always interested in any movement in athletic circles.

The funeral was held from the late home at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Rev. Dr. F. [Frederick] W. Betts of Syracuse, pastor of the Universalist church, officiated. The burial was made in the family plot in Prospect Hill cemetery. No flowers.

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