

[Needham, Willard M.]

Obituary.

Tuesday, at his home, 111 Seymour avenue, occurred the death of Willard M. Needham, aged 78 years. Death was due to neuralgia of the heart. Mr. Needham was born in Monson, Hampden county, Mass., Aug. (20? 30?), 1817. He learned the trade of bootmaker, and in 1843 came to Utica, and started in business at the corner of Whitesboro and Genesee streets. He remained in business for a number of years, after which he retired, and then followed a brief employment in the Spring House in Richmond Springs. Then he entered the clothing business, working for prominent firms in Utica and elsewhere, (?) from active labor in (?), after working for Charles C. Kingsley steadily and industriously for a number of years. Mr. Needham was a citizen of whom any city might well be proud. He was honest, industrious and honorable. He was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Department and of the Utica Citizens' Corps. For many years he was a member of the Walton Club, which had its headquarters on the Fulton Chain. For a long time he was treasurer of the club. In politics deceased was a Democrat, but generally voted for the best man. He attended the Universalist Church. Deceased was an intelligent, well-informed man, and his kindly-disposed manner toward all made him many friends. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters.

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