

[Palmer, Bryant Scofield]

BRYANT S. PALMER IS DEAD

In the death of Bryant Scofield Palmer last Saturday, July 30, Carmel lost one of its best citizens and most active men. His death was sudden and entirely unexpected and came without a warning in the midst of a busy life. On Friday evening he and Mrs. Palmer planned a fortnight at Ocean Grove and were to leave this afternoon, but his remains are being interred in the silent grave instead.

On Saturday he arose at the usual hour in the best of spirits and busied himself about the house until 8:30. He had just passed through the kitchen on his way to the garden and evidently sat down for a moment to look over some celery plants when death came. He fell to the ground and almost immediately was found by his grandson, Scofield, who rushed to his grandmother, Mrs. Twiname, to tell her. She found Mr. Palmer dead and Dr. McKown, who was summoned, said death had been instantaneous due to a stroke of apoplexy.

The deceased was a farmer's boy and was born on Long Ridge Oct. 5, 1842, a son of Charles J. and Margaret Scofield Palmer, and was the oldest of five children. He attended the Bedford Academy and a private school in Stamford and in 1861 went west and taught in a school. In the spring he returned to Long Ridge and went to work as a clerk in Whitlock Bros. store at Croton Falls. He was soon made manager of a new store. Nearly 40 years ago he came to Carmel and took the store of Byron E. Hazen, which was opposite the court house, and he has since been connected with the business, social and political life of Carmel. In 1899 Mr. Palmer sold his mercantile business to his son-in-law, C. W. Hopper, and C. C. Bumford. Leaving the store business he extended his banking interest until he is one of the prominent bankers of this vicinity. He has been a director of the Putnam County National Bank since 1880 and was a director in several other banks including one in Seattle, Wash. In politics he was a republican and was active in the party. In 1871 he was appointed postmaster of Carmel and held the office 30 years. In 1898 he was elected justice of the peace and has held the office since that time.

He was a Universalist in religion and president of the board of trustees at that church in Danbury and a liberal contributor. He was an officer of the Putnam County Agricultural Society and the Raymond Hill Cemetery which he helped organize.

In 1872 he married Miss Lydia A. Howes, who survives with seven children: Mrs. Hopper, of Richmond Hills; Dr. Robert B. and Louis Palmer, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Harold Reynolds, of Brewster; Addison E., of Carmel; Ralph E., of Stamford; and Mrs. Chester Lazelle, of Stamford.

The funeral, one of the largest ever held in Carmel, is being held at his late home this afternoon and interment will be made in the family plot in Raymond Hill Cemetery.

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