

[Palmer, Herbert E.]

HERBERT E. PALMER DEAD  
Supervisor of Town of Bridgewater—  
Well Known Business Man and Political Leader

Bridgewater, June 15.—Herbert E. Palmer, supervisor of this town, former village president, prominent in all affairs in his home town and village and in Oneida county, died at his home here early yesterday morning. Ten days ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and this caused the end.

Herbert E. Palmer was born in Bridgewater, January 28, 1854 and was a son of Orlando C. and Loriania A. Palmer. He lived in the town all his life. He was educated in the district schools and graduated from Eastman Business College in 1878. He had engaged in dairy farming all his life, but had also been engaged in mercantile pursuits. He kept a general store in Bridgewater for eight or 10 years, having as partner William H. Greenman at one time, and T. D. Carter at another. He was very successful in business and in anything he undertook. He was highly respected not only in his own town where everybody knew and admired him, but throughout the county.

In politics Mr. Palmer was a Democrat, and he was one of the leaders of his party in the southern tier of towns. He was assessor of his town for 10 or 12 years, and was several times elected supervisor. In the last election he had no opposition.

In his first term he was chairman of the board of county canvassers, and he held several other important positions in the board. He was the leader of his party in the board whenever he served. For 10 to 12 years he was a member of the board of equalization, appointed by the supervisors, and for five years of this time he was chairman of the board.

In 1895 he was appointed by President Cleveland as postmaster of Bridgewater, and he served for five years.

In 1915 he was president of the village of Bridgewater, and served to the satisfaction of all. He was successful as a business man, and was favorably known throughout the county.

Mr. Palmer also stood high in Masonic circles. He was raised in Western Star Lodge, No. 15, in 1877. This is one of the oldest lodges in the state, and its charter is signed by DeWitt Clinton and Robert L. Livingston. He held all the offices in the gift of the lodge, and for 12 consecutive years was its master. In 1912 he was district deputy grand master of the 26th Masonic district, comprising Oneida county, having been appointed by Grand Master Charles Smith.

Mr. Palmer married Miss Rosamond Brown of Morrisville, who died years ago [in 1899]. Later he married Miss Alice Mather of Honeoye Falls, who is living. He leaves also a daughter, Miss Ruth L. Palmer, a teacher in the Rochester High School, and a sister, Mrs. P. S. Tower of Geneva.

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BRIDGEWATER  
Funeral of H. E. Palmer

Bridgewater, June 18.—The funeral of Supervisor Herbert E. Palmer, who died from a shock of paralysis [a stroke] Monday evening, was held from his home yesterday afternoon.

A delegation from the Board of supervisors to the number of 30 were [sic] in attendance, and besides a large number of the local Masons, there were many present from other lodges in this jurisdiction.

At 2 p.m. Rev. Sherman W. Haven of Sangerfield, who is also a supervisor, faced the flower-submerged casket, and in a voice that he could scarcely control, rendered tribute to the memory of his departed colleague. He was assisted by Rev. DeWitt Lamphere, the local pastor [a Universalist]. The body was borne from the house by six past masters of Western Star Lodge.

At Fairview Cemetery C. M. Wickwire of Waterville, a past district deputy grand master, performed the last sad rites of the Masonic order, assisted by Rev. Mr. Bassett of Leonardsville, who was recently made a member of Western Star Lodge at the hands of Mr. Palmer. Mr. Bassett also sang "Crossing the Bar."

The floral tributes came from individuals, organizations and various political committees with whom Mr. Palmer was connected. Among them was a handsome wreath from the office of the corporation counsel in Rochester.

Many from distant points were in attendance, among them being W. L. Palmer and Miss Grace Cresswell of Honeoye Falls and Mrs. George Davis of Caledonia.

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