

[Parr, John]

RETIRED FORT PLAIN STORE OWNER DIES; JOHN PARR WAS 90

FORT PLAIN—John Parr, 90, a retired village businessman, died yesterday afternoon in the Fort Plain Nursing Home. He had been a patient there for several months.

Mr. Parr was born on Sept. 17, 1863, in Buel, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Parr. For 63 years Mr. Parr conducted a business in the village. He started a shoe store in 1890. From 1890 to 1893 he and William McKee were in partnership; from 1893 to 1895 he was in partnership with William Birdsall; from 1895 until 1944 Mr. Parr conducted the business by himself; in 1944 Daniel Martin, Fort Plain's acting postmaster, became a partner; in 1953 Mr. Parr sold his interest in the business to his partner.

Mr. Parr was a member of the Universalist Church and a member of the Masons for 60 years. He was a member of the old Haymarket Club.

The survivors include three nephews, Harold Haig of Fonda, Raymond and Harold Smith of Lockport; two nieces, Mrs. William [Therese E. Haig] Hartman and Miss Ethel Haig of Fort Plain.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Gray Funeral Home. The Rev. Lyman Achenbach of the Universalist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Fort Plain Cemetery in the spring.

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