

[Pease, Erasmus Darwin]

Erasmus D. Pease

Erasmus Darwin Pease, who died yesterday, was born at Enfield, Conn., and when quite young removed to Hartford, Conn. He began the study of law and later medicine, but in neither did he graduate. He went into the drug business, in which he was engaged in Hartford, Washington, New York and some towns in Massachusetts. But most of his time was spent in Hartford, where he was in the drug business for many years. In 1878 he came to Utica and had since resided here. His uncle established the Hartford Times and Mr. Pease wrote for it for a number of years. He also edited a paper at Hartford at one time.

Mr. Pease was a constant student. He was fond of science, especially mathematics and chemistry. He did considerable writing on scientific subjects for the Scientific American and other papers. In his early days he had met such distinguished men as Emerson, Poe, and Clay, and he wrote quite interestingly concerning them. In politics he was independent. He was fond of children and did all he could in many ways to make them happy. Mr. Pease never married. He is survived by a nephew, Col. Theodore P. Cook and a niece, Miss Viola Cook, with whom he lived.

The funeral was held from the home of his niece, Miss Viola Cook, 287 Genesee street, at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The services, which were private, were conducted by Rev. John Sayles [Universalist]. During the services Mrs. G. Ray Hoff sang several selections. F. A. Cassidy Company, undertakers, will send the remains to Hartford, Conn., where the interment will be made.

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