

[Phillips, George Arnold]

The funeral of George A. Phillips, one of Bemus Point's most prominent citizens and for ten years postmaster, who died at his home yesterday morning will be held from the Universalist Church at Bemus Point tomorrow (Friday) at 2 p.m. He had been in failing health several years, although he had been confined to his home only three months. He would have been 77 years of age on September 10. He is survived by two sons, Selden Bates Phillips of Fultonville, and George Clair Phillips of Randolph, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a member of Bemus Point Lodge of Odd Fellows and a past district grand master of the lodge, of Sylvan Lodge of Masons of Sinclairville, of the Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies of Jamestown, and of the Universalist Church of Bemus Point, which he had served as trustee for many years. He was also a member of the Bemus Point Cemetery Association, which body he served as trustee and secretary for about fifteen years. He was also a member of the Bemus Point Community Club. Mr. Phillips was appointed postmaster of the Bemus Point Office in 1921 by President Warren G. Harding and was reappointed by Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, serving until 1932. He was a member of the Ellery Town Board from January 1, 1908 until 1921 when he resigned to take the postmastership. Mr. Phillips was married twice, first to Clara Bates, to whom the two sons were born, and who died in 1897. His second wife, Florence Lewis Phillips, died in 1931. His father was Joseph Phillips whose ancestors settled early in this section and his mother was Annette Arnold Phillips, who was a great-granddaughter of Jeremiah Griffith, who established his home at Griffith's Point in 1806. Mr. Phillips was born at Phillips Mills and had lived in the Town of Ellery all of his life with the exception of a few years at Brocton where he was engaged in the meat business. His father built and operated the sawmill at Phillip's Mills, where some of the Chautauqua Lake steamers were constructed. This business was carried on by Mr. Phillips until 1920. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Phillips built their home at Bemus Point.

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