

[Rasbach, W. Frank]

W. F. RASBACH SUFFERS FATAL HEART ATTACK

Herkimer—W. Frank Rasbach, 84, 401 Margaret St., an officer of the Patrons of Husbandry Cooperative Fire Relief Association for many years, suffered a fatal heart attack about 3 p.m. yesterday while walking in N. Main St., near the Green St. intersection.

Dr. B. G. Shults, who has an office nearby, said the stricken man lived about three minutes after falling to the sidewalk.

Mr. Rasbach was born Oct. 1, 1863 in Shells Bush, a son of Marcus and Nancy Maria Shell Rasbach. He attended district schools, Fairfield Seminary and Clinton Liberal Institute.

His marriage to Bertha Lasher took place 60 years ago in Fairfield. The couple lived on the Rasbach farm in Shells Bush several years, later moving to a farm they purchased in that area.

Shortly after Mr. Rasbach's election to a directorship in the Patrons of Husbandry Cooperative Fire Relief-Association in 1910, the couple came to Herkimer.

He was elected treasurer of the association in 1912 and its secretary in 1916, a portion he held until his retirement several years ago.

He was a member of Shells Bush Grange, and the Pamaona state and national Grange organizations, Herkimer Masonic Lodge, the Universalist Church and had served as president of Oak Hill Cemetery Association.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Rasbach was candidate for state senator in 1916 from this district. He also served as president of the Central New York State Organization Fire Cooperative Insurance Association.

Surviving are his wife and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be at 3 p. m. Friday from the Fenner Funeral Home with the Rev. Fenwick H. Wheeler, Universalist pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

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