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Henry Roberts

The death of Henry Roberts, one of Utica's most prominent business men, occurred at his home on Clinton Place at 5:30 P.M., Monday. He was 70 years of age. Taken ill on Friday, he was not considered dangerously so until Sunday afternoon. Henry Roberts was born in Utica on Hotel street, September 6, 1825. His father, Evan Roberts, was of Welsh descent. Mr. Roberts' early education was received in the Utica schools. He also learned the potter's trade when a young man. In 1850 he crossed the plains to California in the first wagon train of that year. He located in Dry Creek, near Sacramento, and remained there raising stock until 1860, when he returned to Utica. Here he bought out the interest of S. H. Wood in the hardware firm of Wood, Roberts & Co. Mr. Roberts has been a stockholder in the Second National Bank from its organization and for some time its vice president. He was also at one time a director of the Kirkland Iron Company, a life member of the Utica Mechanics' Association, an original trustee of Faxton Hospital and one of the building committee for the Home for Aged Couples. In 1862 he married Miss Frances White. She is now living. Their children are: Will H. of Utica, J. Fred and Charles M. of Denver, Wallace W., Harry W., and Katherine, wife of Jacob Ague of Utica. A brother, John E., lives in San Diego, Cal. Henry Roberts was a man of highest integrity, pure in character, sympathetic and straightforward.

The funeral was held from his late residence, 14 Clinton place, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. E. P. Powell of Clinton and C. E. Fisher, pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist] in this city officiated. The bearers were the deceased's five sons and son-in-law. The Second National Bank directors, the employees of Roberts, Parry & Co. and the board of managers of the Home for Aged Couples attended in a body. Interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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