

[Robinson, Rufus T.]

RUFUS T. ROBINSON

Rufus T. Robinson, of this city, a well known commercial traveler, expired very suddenly at the Union House, at Chateaugay, on Wednesday afternoon last. Mr. Robinson, with his son, Martin Robinson, had been out during the forenoon calling on the merchants at Brainardsville and Chateaugay Lake, and during the drive Mr. Robinson complained of a pain in the region of the heart which gave him slight annoyance. Upon returning to the Union House dinner was prepared for them, but Mr. Robinson not feeling any better did not partake of the meal. He, however, requested that a warm drink be prepared for him, thinking to take off the chill of the drive would benefit him. This was accordingly done, and he went from the office to Mr. Duffin's room where he sat chatting with Mrs. Duffin for a few minutes. Without warning his head dropped onto his breast and within a minute or two he had expired.

Dr. Van Vetchen was immediately summoned, but when he reached the stricken man he was beyond aid. The deceased had been in poor health for about two months, and his son had been traveling with him on his trips for some time.

Mr. Robinson was born in West Chazy in 1845, and after leaving school he was engaged in the harness business with his father for a number of years. In 1877 he came to Ogdensburg and entered the employ of the late H. F. Lawrence where he remained during its different changes until was merged into the E. A. Newell Co., of which he became stockholder until 1896 when he retired to engage in the wholesale and retail crockery and notion business with his son which has been successfully carried on until the present time. He was married in 1866 to Roxana Watson, who with a son, Martin, and a daughter, Jennie, survives. He also leaves two brothers, Charles M., and George W., of this city. Mr. Robinson was a member of the Universalist church and moderator of the church society. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of the following bodies: Ogdensburg Lodge, No. 128, F. & A. M.; Ogdensburg Chapter, No. 63, R. A. M.; Ogdensburg Commandery, No. 54, K. T.; St. Lawrence Lodge of Perfection of Canton; Ogdensburg Chapter Prince of Jerusalem; Ogdensburg Chapter Rose Croix; Central City Consistory of Syracuse, 32°; Media Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Watertown. He was also a charter member of St. Lawrence Council, 276, United Commercial Travelers.

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