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WILLIAM ROSE

The death of William Rose, one of Otsego county's oldest, best known and most highly esteemed citizens occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George L. Rider, at Schuyler Lake, at 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, February 4th. Mr. Rose, though in his ninety-third year, had maintained his accustomed activities in a remarkable manner until about six months ago, since which time his health had noticeably failed through the infirmities of age. He was confined to his bed about two weeks.

William Rose was the son of Dory and Harriet (Wilbur) Rose and was born June 2, 1837, in the town of Exeter where the entire span of his long and useful life was passed, although the winters from 1910 to 1926 were spent at Orlando, Fla. For four years past he had made his home with Mrs. Rider at Schuyler Lake where he received the loving care and companionship of a devoted daughter.

For many years Mr. Rose was engaged in the lumbering and contracting business at Schuyler Lake and erected many of the buildings of that village and vicinity including residences, churches and other public buildings. Accounted the leading citizen of his town, his business activities figure largely in the development of that entire section. For many years he operated the well known Schuyler Lake lumber mills which he built twice, the first plant having been destroyed by fire.

He was also interested in his younger years in the breeding of fine race and show horses and during that period he maintained a private track on his farm. For many years he drove his own horses which were entered at the races at the Fairs in surrounding counties and his was a familiar and popular figure at all the meets hereabouts. Always an enthusiastic sportsman and hunter he owned a tract of land adjoining the preserve of the New York State League club in the Adirondacks where he hunted regularly every season, his last trip having been made when he was eight-five years of age.

During his more active years Mr. Rose took a valued part in town affairs and served for several years as Justice of the Peace of the town of Exeter. Later he was elected a member of the Board of Supervisors in which body he represented his town for eight terms during which time he served as chairman and in many other responsible positions. He was a former president of the Richfield Springs Agricultural society and a Past Master of Schuyler Lake Lodge, F. & A. M. He was an active and devoted member of the Universalist church throughout all his life.

Mr. Rose was a man of strict integrity and sterling character. His personal purity of life and habits afforded an exemplary pattern for the youth with whom he came in contact, and his engaging personality and

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exceptional mental qualities impressed friends and mere acquaintances alike. In his passing a host of friends throughout this and adjoining counties will feel a deep sense of personal loss.

Mr. Rose was twice married, his first wife having been Mrs. Hanna Stone Curtis of the town of Exeter. Of this marriage there were two children, Mrs. Rider, the daughter mentioned above, and a son, Frank Rose, who passed away at the age of twenty-one at Schuyler Lake. After the death of his first wife he was united in marriage with Miss Addie Yates of the town of Otsego, whose death occurred at Orlando, Fla., in 1926. One daughter, Mrs. O. L. [Maybelle A.] Van Horne of Cooperstown survives, together with two brothers, Byron Rose of Schuyler Lake and Lester L. Rose of Endicott, besides many nephews, nieces and cousins.

The funeral will be held at the home of Mrs. Rider at Schuyler Lake, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W. H. Skeels, pastor of the Universalist church at Herkimer officiating. Burial will be made at the Schuyler Lake cemetery. The officers of Schuyler Lake Masonic Lodge will participate in the services.

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