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HENRY T. SANFORD

Col. Henry T. Sanford died this morning at his home on Western avenue after a lingering illness. He was born in St. Lawrence county fifty-seven years ago, and for six years was justice in the town of Lawrence. At the age of 18 he spent two years in southern Illinois and Missouri. In April, 1861, he left school at Potsdam and enlisted in the Sixteenth New York Vols., serving two years. Col. Sanford's father and grandfather were officers during the civil war, at the same time with himself, a coincidence that has never been chronicled in the war records of any other country. Returning home, he went to California, traveled through the mining states and in 1865 crossed the continent from the west on horseback, riding about 1,500 miles in sixty-eight days on the same horse. He then worked three years at the blacksmith trade, also studying law, and finally graduated from the law department of Union college with the class of '76. He joined Mountaineer Lodge No. 321, I.O.O.F., fifteen years ago and was very active in the Fraternity, having filled many offices of honor and responsibility. He had also been actively identified with local politics and had been a candidate for several offices. He was a man of commanding presence, a gifted orator, graceful writer, successful practitioner and will be mourned by a legion of sorrowing friends. A wife [Louise Ann *Brewster* Sanford], three sons and a daughter survive. Funeral services will be held on Sunday.

A memorial meeting of the Albany County bar will be held in the county court room at 3 p.m. Saturday.

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ODD FELLOWS

Every member of the local fraternity was shocked when the tidings of the death of Past District Deputy Henry T. Sanford reached them. His intercourse with the brotherhood during his membership in the order, was of the pleasantest character and his genial, sunny nature drew his associates closely to him in the bonds of enduring fraternal love. He was ever ready to respond when duty called, sparing neither voice, time or purse in practically exemplifying the principles of Odd Fellowship. In lodge meetings he was the life and soul of the gathering and his enthusiastic spirits gave such a zest to the proceedings that it was always a pleasure to attend when his presence was there. Bro. Sanford was initiated in Mountaineer Lodge No. 321 [on] March 27, 1882. His merit was soon recognized and in a brief period after joining the lodge he was elected to office, serving in various stations until he finally passed the chair of noble grand. In 1893-94 he filled the office of district deputy grand master of Albany District No. 1, and as such officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the beautiful Odd Fellows' temple in this city. He has represented his lodge in Grand Lodge of this State, serving with distinction on the important appeals committee. His funeral occurred last Sunday from All Souls Universalist church, of which he was a leading member. It was attended by Mountaineer Lodge in a body and very many friends of local lodges... The beautiful burial service of the order was performed at his grave in the Rural cemetery by the officers of the Mountaineer Lodge.

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