

[Scott, William H.]

DEATH'S DOINGS IN FRIENDSHIP

Wm. H. Scott, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy last week, and which was chronicled in our last issue, passed away at his home on Depot street last Friday evening, never having regained consciousness. His entire family was at his bedside during the last hours of earthly life.

Deceased was taken from our midst so suddenly that it seems almost impossible to realize that he is gone. He was a well known figure on our streets daily, and will be greatly missed.

William H. Scott was born Nov. 29th 1833, at Friendship, N.Y., and was the son of Jefferson and Cynthia Scott. He attended the old Academy here until he took up the study of medicine. He was a graduate of the Electric Medical College of Surgery.

In 1854 he was united in marriage with Miss Helen L. Purple of Belfast, and they had resided in Friendship ever since, with the exception of two or three years, living where he passed away for nearly 50 years.

He conducted a drug store here for 30 years. Later in life he took up the insurance business, and for the past 20 years has been Justice of the Peace.

For nearly half his life he has been a member of the Universalist church, leaning [away] somewhat toward the Spiritualist belief.

He has been a member of the Masonic Order ever since the Civil War, and also a member of the Cuba Chapter. Owing to his lameness he was unable to enlist in the war, but served for a year in the Commissary Department at Alexandria, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott celebrated their golden wedding about four years ago.

Deceased leaves to mourn his loss a wife, one daughter, Mrs. Frank Hernandez, of this place, and one son, Don C. Scott, of Rochester; also one brother, Lucian Scott, and one sister, Mrs. Elvira Graham, both of this place.

The news of the death of Mr. Scott was a great sorrow to the community. Only such a short time ago he was upon our streets greeting his friends with a happy "Good morning." Today, all that was mortal of our friend and townsman is at peaceful rest. None but those who have sat in the shadow of a great bereavement can justly weigh such a sorrow as this, yet He who doeth all things well makes no mistakes.

Deceased was a man of excellent habits, with a happy disposition, trying to lighten the burdens and hearts of those around him. He was a kind husband and father, and what better can be said of a man than this.

The funeral was held at the Universalist church at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon and was in charge of the Rev. [William G.] Cortright, the new pastor of that church, assisted by the Rev. Frank S. Squyer of the Baptist church, a friend of the deceased. The Masonic Order had charge of the services at the grave. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

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