

[Seaman, George Irving]

DEAD OF HEART DISEASE

G. IRVING SEAMAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS BARN.

Body Discovered By Wife and Son Tuesday Afternoon—Had Been in Poor Health but not Seriously Ill—Was a Pioneer Merchant—Held Many Public Offices.

G. Irving Seaman, a prominent citizen and one of the oldest business men in the village, died suddenly last Tuesday of heart failure, and was found by his wife and son lying on the floor of the barn at the rear of his house on East Main street. Mr. Seaman had not been in good health for three or four years, but had been as well of late as for some months past. He was however, much worn from attendance at the bedside of his father-in-law, W. [William] S. Waterbury, who has been critically ill for many weeks and has required constant care and watching. [On] Tuesday Mr. Seaman was engaged in grading the grounds about his house. About 2 o'clock he was in A. J. Hoard's meat market and that was the last seen of him. About 4:30 o'clock Mrs. Seaman returned from the home of her parents, where she had spent the night and day at the bedside of her father. Not finding Mr. Seaman in the house, she and her son Frank went to the barn and found Mr. Seaman lying on the floor dead. Coroner Hayes was hastily summoned and decided that an inquest would be unnecessary, as death was probably due to heart failure.

Mr. Seaman was a good man. During his long life in our village he had made friends who will mourn his death, knowing that not only his family lost a loving father, and they a true friend, but the whole community a broadminded, public spirited citizen.

In our issue of August 19, 1905, we published a sketch of Mr. Seaman's life, the facts being given the editor by Mr. Seaman himself. We reprint part of that article.

"Mr. Seaman was born in Parish, Oswego county, January 24, 1850. His father was a life long inhabitant of Parish, living there over fifty years, but his boy seemed to lack his local pride and at 19 moved from there to Frankfort. When he first came to this village he entered the employ of C. B. Crosby, who conducted a meat market at that time. He worked with him during the years of '69 and '70 and then left Mr. Crosby to accept a similar position with W. S. Waterbury, who was the father of W. H. Waterbury. At the end of four years, together with C. W. Harter, he bought out the market and run [sic] it until 1887, when the First National Bank bought the building. From that time until a short time ago he has conducted a meat market on East Main street. His son Frank succeeded him, but recently the market was closed and Mr. Seaman has had no regular occupation. Such is a very brief story of Mr. Seaman's life in the business world. But he was also very busy in political life. He was at one time a collector of the village and at another

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time a member of the Board of Trustees, holding the latter position for several terms. He was a village assessor once and what is more important a member of the Board of Supervisors, serving in our county legislature eleven year[s]."

Mr. Seaman was married January 22, 1882 in this village to Miss Ella V. Waterbury, a daughter of his former employer, who survives him. Two children, a son Frank W., 23 years old, and daughter, Miss Hazel, who is 20 years of age and is now attending the Albany Normal School. Mr. Seaman was a member of the Iliion lodge of the Knights of Pythias, but never was very active in lodge affairs. He lived a useful and successful life and his departure from our midst is a loss to Frankfort.

The funeral was largely attended from his late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. E. V. Stevens [Universalist] of Herkimer officiating, assisted by Rev. F. B. Severance [Methodist]. The floral offerings were very beautiful, one large piece being presented by the business associates of Mr. Seaman. The bearers were Hon. E. LaGrange Smith, Joseph J. Dudleston, Thomas Honohan, C. B. Cleland, and H. H. Ingham.

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