

[Selwood, Frank J.]

Frank J. Selwood

Frank J. Selwood, 82, the oldest and one of the leading and best known business men of Fort Plain, died on Monday morning, July 27th. Death was caused by a heart attack.

Mr. Selwood was the son of Richard Selwood and Mary Ann Isles and he was born in Fort Plain on December 9, 1859. As a young man, he became associated with his father in the monument business, which was established about 85 years ago, and he had been connected with it for about 65 years. In 1900, it became known as F. J. Selwood. Several years ago, he took his son Ward Selwood into partnership and, since that time, the firm has been known as F. J. Selwood and Son. For the last half century, the Selwood monument works has been known as one of the leading firms in its line in Central New York and its workmanship is seen in nearly all of the leading cemeteries in this region.

Mr. Selwood was a member of the Fort Plain Masonic Lodge, a 50-year Mason, and a member of Mohawk Valley Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a 50-year member of that lodge. He was a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. Selwood came of a family whose men members were interested in music and who played at one time or another, in the bands of Fort Plain.

Mr. Selwood started playing in the Fort Plain Band at the age of 18 and he continued as one of its musicians for nearly 60 years, during which time he generally played the tuba. He also played in orchestras and was long a member of the Fort Plain Orchestra.

Frank J. Selwood was a man of splendid character and an ideal citizen. His passing is a matter of deep sorrow to the host of friends whom he had made in his long and useful life.

Mr. Selwood leaves his wife, formerly Agnes McLean; a son, Ward Selwood; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Z. [Sarah] Brandow, Fort Plain [and] Mrs. Emma L. Williams, New York City and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held at the Gray Funeral Home, Willett street, Fort Plain, this Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., Rev. William A. Haney, pastor of the Universalist Church officiating. Interment in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

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