

[Showerman, John]

FORMER OVERSEER OF POOR DIES IN COUNTY ALMSHOUSE

John Showerman, at one time a prominent business man of Amsterdam and for two terms overseer of the poor in this city, died Thursday at the Montgomery county Almshouse in Palatine, where for several years he had been receiving the charity he once dispensed. He had been in an enfeebled condition for a long time.

Mr. Showerman, who was about 70 years old, was born in the town of Palatine, but spent most of his life in Amsterdam. For a number of years he was a Wagner palace car conductor on the West Shore railroad. He later conducted a café and restaurant on East Main street and also for several years was proprietor of the Brunswick hotel on Railroad street, now Hotel Mitchell. In the early '90s he held the office of overseer of the poor for two years, being elected on the Republican ticket, being a staunch supporter of that party. Later he was employed for a time in the street department, but illness finally compelled him to quit work, and having no means he was obliged to make his home during his declining years at the county house. His wife died while a resident of the Home for Elderly Women in this city. Mr. Showerman is survived by one brother, Clark Showerman of Fort Plain. The body was taken to Fort Plain, where the funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Catherine Nellis Memorial chapel, the Rev. Herbert F. Moulton, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The body was placed in the vault of the chapel and will later be brought to Amsterdam for interment.

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