

[Siegrist, Alois]

Obituary.

Dr. Alois Siegrist died at his home Sunday night on Van Buren street, aged 70 years. The Doctor was born in Meisterschwanden, Switzerland, in 1823. He received a liberal education, and studied surgery with his father, practicing three years. He then began the study of medicine, and practised [sic] both branches of the profession. He did military service on the Rhine, and in 1848 was assistant surgeon in the military hospital. He came of a family of military surgeons, his grandfather Jacob having been a surgeon in the French army under Napoleon.

The doctor married Mary Ann Taeschler in his native home, and with his wife came to this country in 1851, practising during the cholera epidemic. In 1853 they came to Newark, and ever since the doctor has had a lucrative practise [sic]. Mrs. Siegrist died three years ago last February. The doctor leaves one son, Charles, who lives with his wife and two daughters, [Mary and Ella] in the pretty family home on Van Buren street. The doctor is survived also by one brother, William, who lives in Cincinnati, one nephew, August Siegrist, of this village, one niece in this village, Bertha Siegrist, who recently came over from the old home, and one niece in California.

The funeral is being held this afternoon at half-past two, Rev. Dr. Tomlinson [Universalist] officiating.

Dr. Siegrist was in various ways one of the most prominent men in town. Successful in his profession, he gained an enviable reputation, and accumulated a handsome property. He became one of the largest real estate proprietors in Newark. He was a courteous gentleman, scholarly and somewhat retiring in his habits, but possessing many warm friends. He was always public spirited, and ready to contribute to a good cause when the welfare of Newark was concerned. He was an Odd Fellow, and has held various positions of trust in Newark. His illness has been coming on for some time, and four weeks ago he took to his bed, suffering from a complication of troubles, the principal of which was diabetes. The doctor will be a man much missed in the community, and the public deeply regret his death.

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DEATH OF DR. SIEGRIST
He Breathed His Last, Sunday Evening. Sketch of His Career

Dr. Alois Siegrist died Sunday night about eleven o'clock of diabetes, after an illness of four weeks, at the age of seventy-three. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at the family residence, No. 22 Van Buren street, Dr. Tomlinson, of the Universalist church, officiating.

Alois C. Siegrist was born in Meisterschwanden, Switzerland, October 5, 1823. He was educated in the public schools of his mater country, and studied surgery with his father, practicing with him for three years. He then began the study of medicine, and practiced both surgery and medicine on the frontiers in Germany, doing military service on the Rhine in 1848 and was appointed assistant surgeon in the government hospital.

In 1851 deceased came to this country, first locating in Rochester at the time cholera was raging there. He came to Newark in the fall of 1853, and continued the successful practice of medicine until death. He was married to Miss Mary Ann Taeschler, who was a native of his own country. One son was born, Charles William Siegrist, who survives. Mrs. Siegrist died four years ago, and since that time his son Charles, with his family, has made his home with his father.

Dr. Siegrist was one of the foremost real estate owners in Newark. He was a member of Newark Lodge, No. (?), I.O.O.F., and of Wayne Encampment No. (85?), I.O.O.F. His father was surgeon and town clerk in the old home for twenty-five years, and his grandfather, Jacob Siegrist, was surgeon in the French army under Napoleon I. He had few relatives in this country. A brother, William, lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a nephew, August, and a niece [Bertha Siegrist], reside in Newark.

Dr. Siegrist was a most conscientious physician, painstaking and sympathetic with all his patients. Those who had consulted with him for years were persistent in calling on him as long as he retained consciousness, begging him to write out their prescriptions and give them advice, showing their great confidence in his ability and interest in their affairs, and feeling that no other physician could know so well how to prescribe for them. It was a great trial for him to deny himself to any who called, even to the last.

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