

[Simonds, Grant H.]

Dr. G. H. Simonds, Medina Dentist, Succumbs at 85

Medina—Dr. Grant H. Simonds, 85, a Medina dentist for 55 years, and one of the oldest practicing dentists in the country, died yesterday (Dec. 21, 1950) at the Medina Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for two days. He was the author of several articles on dental work, one of which was at one time translated into French, and he addressed state and national dental groups a number of times on advancements he had made in the profession.

Death resulted after a blood clot occurred in his leg a week ago. Several years ago he lost one leg by amputation because of a similar ailment. He has continued his practice since that time, however, despite the handicap.

Dr. Simonds had both medical and dental degrees from the University of Buffalo. A native of Akron, he attended Akron schools and then the University of Buffalo, where he was graduated from the medical college in 1884. He practiced medicine in and near Akron for several years, then returned to the Buffalo University to study dentistry, and was graduated with a DDS degree in 1895. He started his dental practice in Medina at that time and has continued for over half a century.

Dr. Simonds was prominent in several local fraternal organizations. He was one of the oldest members of the Elks Lodge, having joined it a few months after it was formed in 1904. He was one of its tirest exalted rulers, having served in 1909-10, and had been its senior past exalted ruler for a number of years. He was an honorary life member of that lodge, and he was also a member of the Medina Masonic Lodge and local state and national dental associations.

Dr. Simonds served as medical officer for local military units, and at one time was a captain in the old 29th Separate Company, which he joined in 1885 as its medical officer and which he served for 27 years in that capacity. He also served as battalion medical officer for 12 years. He resigned his commission when the company left for service on the Mexican Border, and he rejoined the unit in 1919, serving as medical officer for Company F of the 108th Infantry until 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary [née Van Brocklin] Duhurst [Dewhurst] Simonds; a son, E. B. Simonds of Lockport; a niece; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. His first wife, the former Jeannette Bailey, died in 1914.

Funeral services are to be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Hartt Funeral Home, with burial in Boxwood Cemetery.

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Funeral services for Dr. Grant H. Simonds, whose death occurred in Medina Memorial Hospital on December 21, were held Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the Hartt Funeral Home. The Rev. Gail Bascombe, pastor of the Universalist Church of Middleport, conducted the services and burial was in Boxwood Cemetery. Honorary bearers were officers and past officers of Medina Lodge of Elks, of which Dr. Simonds was the senior past exalted ruler. They included John Gottovi, Lee S. Skinner, Alonzo L. Waters, George H. Spears, Elwyn Lindsay, Richard Cook, Joseph R. Menke and John A. Walsh. Members of the Orleans County Dental Society attended in a body.

Surviving were his widow, Mrs. Mary Dewhirst Simonds, a son, E. B. Simonds of Lockport; a granddaughter, Mrs. Gertrude Birch of Middleport; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Dewhirst Kingsbury of Valley Stream, L. I.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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