

[Skinner, Eugene Carroll]

Eugene C. Skinner.

UTICA, Jan. 25.—Word has been received here of the death at Detroit of Dr. Eugene C. Skinner, formerly of this city. The remains will be brought here for interment. Eugene C. Skinner was born in Deerfield February 25, 1841. He was a son of Rev. Dolphus Skinner, D.D., a prominent pioneer Universalist of this section, who came to this part of the state from the east in 1829. Young Skinner was educated in the common schools in Deerfield, and in 1856 his parents moved to Utica, where he was graduated from the academy. Then he went to Tufts College in Massachusetts, and was a student there when the [Civil] war broke out. Although he had not completed his course there, the college in later years gave him the degree of A.M. In 1862 Mr. Skinner enlisted in Company A, of the 117th Regiment, N.Y.S.V., and became first lieutenant of Co. C. He was mustered out with the brevet of captain. He went to New York, where he studied at the Columbia College Law School and was graduated in 1867. At the same time he studied somewhat in the College of Physicians and Surgeons. In 1868 he married and then went to Detroit, where he entered upon the practice of his profession as a lawyer. He made an abstract of all the land titles in the city and county and was in that business for seventeen years. In 1873 he put up what was known as the Abstract Building, which he afterward sold to the Detroit Free Press. It was a four story stone front building, one of the most prominent in the city. He continued in the abstract of title business until 1884, when he sold it out. He had succeeded very well in business during that time. Then he took a course of medicine in the Detroit Medical College and graduated there in 1887.

He became a member of the faculty of the same institution, being professor of medical jurisprudence, sanitary science and also secretary of the faculty. During his connection with the college he was instrumental in having added to it three departments, those of dentistry, pharmacy and veterinary surgery, making it a medical university. He remained active in the faculty for six or seven years and then engaged in the real estate business, in which he has since continued. Mr. Skinner was a member of the 117th Regiment Veterans' Association, and in 1894-5 served as its president. Whenever he could find the time he returned to Oneida county to attend the annual reunions of this association. [On] October 1, 1878, Mr. Skinner married Sarah M. Philleo of Utica, who is living. She was for some time a teacher in the advanced school. He leaves two children, Eugenia Gratia and Otis Albert W. He also leaves one brother, Dr. Francis Skinner of Eau Claire, Wis.

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