

[Slayton, James M.]

JAMES SLAYTON, PROMINENT IN TULLY, DIES

James M. Slayton, of Tully, president of J. M. Slayton & Son, produce buyers, and former village president, died last night at his home. He had been in ill health two months.

Born Nov. 9, 1853, at Parish, a son of Reuben W. and Liza Fyler Slayton, he received his education at Mexico Academy. When 19 years old he married Miss Kitty Myers, who died two years later.

In 1873 he entered the produce business at Philadelphia, Pa., where he remained for 10 years, returning to Tully when his father built the Hotel Slayton in that village. After two years, Reuben Slayton sold out to his two sons, James M. and Frank R. Slayton, who also became proprietors of Tully Lake Hotel and Assembly Park Hotel.

Following the death of his brother in 1894, Mr. Slayton continued as proprietor of the three hotels until Feb. 14, 1900, when he decided to center his interest in the produce business which he had engaged in as a sideline up to this time. He became a member of the firm of Dewey & Slayton, continuing under that name until 1918 when it became the J.M. Slayton & Son, Produce Buyers. On April 10, 1900, he married Mary B. Robinson, in Syracuse.

Always a Republican, Mr. Slayton became president of the village in 1917 and held that office for two terms. At the time of his death he was director of schools, treasurer of Tully Cemetery Association and trustee of Tully Masonic Lodge 896.

During the World War he was chairman of the Liberty Loan for the southern tier of Onondaga County.

A great lover of sports, especially baseball, he donated the use of a large field next to his warehouse, known as Slayton Field, to be used for baseball and other sports.

Surviving besides his wife is a son, Stewart Arthur Slayton.

Funeral services will be conducted from the home in South st., Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. Dr. Frederick W. Betts, pastor of First Universalist Church, officiating. Masonic services will be conducted at the grave in Tully Cemetery where burial will be made.

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