

[Smith, Dewitt Clinton]

Dewitt Clinton Smith died at his home, 817 Floyd Ave, at 5:30 o'clock this morning. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy at his home ten days ago and had gradually failed until the end came. he was born in the town of Trenton January 22, 1854, being in his 68th year. He was a son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John H. Smith, and was one of a family of twelve, of whom but three survive. When Mr. Smith was six years old the family went to the town of Lee to live where the father was engaged in farming. The son assisted the father, going to school winters, receiving his education in the Lee Center Union School and the Rome Free Academy. After securing his education he taught school for some time in the town of Lee. Later he engaged in the mercantile business at Point Rock in the town of Lee, successfully conducting it for 25 years. He served the town of Lee with credit as a member of the Board of Supervisors and in the fall of 1899 he was elected to the office of superintendent of the poor of Oneida county, assuming charge of Oneida County Home and farm on January 1, 1900. His excellent management of affairs at the home during his first term of three years won for him a re-election and he served the second term of three years with great credit. At the conclusion of his six years at the County Home, Mr. Smith had the family residence at 817 Floyd Ave built and then entered into partnership with Fred Canwell in the feed business, continuing until about six years ago, when he retired. He was married twice. His first wife was Lillian Yarwood of West Branch, whom he married about 45 years ago. She lived only six months, her death occurring at West Branch. In November, 1879, he married Carrie May LeSuer, who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Craver at home, Mrs. E. G. MacFarland, Utica, two grandsons, Gene and Erwin Clinton MacFarland, Utica, two brothers, Frank H. Smith, superintendent of Rome Cemetery, and Jerome H. Smith, Lake Delta, and a sister, Mrs. Marion Bushnell, Rome. Mr. Smith attended the Universalist Church and was a member of Baron Steuben Lodge, No. 264, F.& AM, Lee Center. He was a sterling citizen, upright in all his dealings and loyal to his friends of whom he had a legion.

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