

[Smith, George B. M.]

GEORGE B. M. SMITH, CONTRACTOR, DEAD  
PROMINENT MEMBER OF MASONIC FRATERNITY PASSES AWAY  
APOPLEXY CAUSE OF DEATH

Was at Work for George C. Boldt at Latter's Island Home on the St. Lawrence  
River When He Was Taken Ill—Funeral to be Held at All Souls Church

George B. M. Smith, contractor and architect and one of the most popular Masons in this city, died this morning at his residence, 831 Rutland street, south. Mr. Smith's condition had been critical for several days and the news of his death spread rapidly among his many friends.

For some time Mr. Smith had been engaged upon a contract on George C. Boldt's island estate [Boldt Castle] opposite Alexandria Bay. About two weeks ago he was not feeling well and consulted a physician at Alexandria Bay, being advised to return home. Shortly after reaching this city he suffered a stroke of apoplexy. Other shocks [strokes] followed and for several days he had been practically helpless.

Mr. Smith was a son of the late Nathaniel and Ruth M. Smith of Brownville, in which town he was born 43 years ago. There he spent his boyhood and resided until 15 years ago, when he took up his residence in this city. As an architect and contractor, he was well known in the building world, being considered a careful, conscientious workman. He was a genial, pleasant man, who won many friends wherever he was known.

Mr. Smith was perhaps best known among members of the Masonic fraternity. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of all the local Masonic organizations—Watertown lodge, No. 49, F. and A.M.; Watertown chapter, No. 59, R.A.M.; Watertown commandery, No. 11, K. of T.; and Media Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was also a member of the Central City Consistory of the Ancient Scottish Rights [Rites] of Syracuse.

One sister survives, Mrs. Laura Barney of Smithville, and a niece, Mrs. Ina Hodges of that village.

Prayers will be held at the house, 381 Central [sic] street, south, Tuesday morning at 10:30, Rev. Moses H. Harris [Universalist] officiating. The funeral will take place at 11 at All Souls [Universalist] church in Washington street and will be in charge of the Masons. Burial will be made at Parrish cemetery in the town of Pamela.

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