

[Smith, George Kimball]

GEORGE KIMBALL SMITH

George Kimball Smith, a lifelong resident of Perry and one of this town's best known citizens, died Saturday morning at the Warsaw hospital, following an operation for abscess of the kidney. Mr. Smith who had been a clerk for the past twenty-eight years in the hardware store now owned by W. T. Olin, left the store for his annual vacation four weeks ago. He was not feeling well then but was able to be around. Last week he went to Warsaw hospital for examination and on Friday evening he was able to go to the hospital in Mr. Olin's car for an operation the following morning, from which he did not rally.

He was born June 21, 1852 at 19 St. Helena street in the same house in which he always lived and which was built by his father George C. Smith. He was chain man for the surveyor who made the surveys for the old Silver Lake railroad and was later employed in the Wyckoff & Tuttle Reaper Works. He was also engaged in the hardware and plumbing business for himself and was extensively engaged in the latter branch when the water system was installed in Perry. In 1866 he was clerk in a mail car running between New York and Cleveland. Twenty-eight years ago he became a clerk in the M. H. Olin & Son hardware store and has been employed there as buyer and salesman ever since, remaining with the business through several changes in ownership.

Through his long connection with the Olin store he made hosts of friends and acquaintances who recognized in him an efficient salesman; a man of the strictest integrity and a man whom it was a pleasure to do business with.

He was a lifelong attendant of the Universalist church and for the past several years had been superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of the K.O.T.M. and for several years was first assistant chief of the fire department and foreman of the Traver hose company.

Mr. Smith was a son of George C. and Sarah M. Smith. He was united in marriage to Ida M. Chapin thirty-eight years ago next Sunday. Five children were born to them, George Albert, the elder dying at the age of five. Mrs. Smith and four children survive, Hartwell L.; Harry C., of this place; Kimball Dolbeer of Akron, O., and Miss Lucy Smith of this place. One niece, Mrs. R. W. How, also survives.

The funeral was held at the house Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. Clara Morgan of the Universalist church officiating. Burial was made in Hope cemetery. The floral tributes were unusual in their beauty and quantity.

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