

[Smith, Junius S.]

Junius S. Smith, retired grain broker, died at his home yesterday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Smith was one of Buffalo's early residents, having come to this city when a lad of twelve years with his father, the Rev. Stephen R. Smith [a pioneer Universalist clergyman in Western New York].

Born in Clinton on December 8, 1830, he left that village with his parents in [1842?] and came to Buffalo by the canal [packet?], the railroad lines not having been extended this far west at that time. He received his early education in the public schools here and later entered the grain business with Judge ?. In 1870 he was appointed weighmaster of the Board of Trade, which position he held until 1914, when he retired from active business.

Mr. Smith is survived by a sister, Catherine M. Smith, with whom he made his home at No. 126 North Pearl street, and a nephew, Dr. A. L. Benedict [son of his deceased sister Gracia and her husband Nathan G. Benedict]. The funeral services will be held from the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

[Also, this notice is on the front page of the same issue.] Junius S. Smith, who died yesterday, was known to the public as weighmaster to the board of trade, but he was also an interesting writer to the local press on subjects pertaining to the past of Buffalo, of which he was one of the oldest residents.

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