

[Southworth, William]

WILLIAM SOUTHWORTH

In the death of William Southworth, which occurred at his home in this village [Schuyler Lake] Wednesday afternoon April 23, 1924, this community loses one of its oldest and most highly respected citizens. Mr. Southworth was a son of Rev. Reuben and Jane Trumbull Southworth and was born Aug. 21, 1839. Being the son of a Methodist minister, his early childhood was spent with his parents wherever they were sent, but at the age of 14 he began his mercantile career as clerk in a store at Little Lakes. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in the 117th Regiment, Company H, in which he served till the close of the war, when he returned to this village and married Miss Harriet North Dec. 14, 1865, who died May 5, 1890. Six children were born of this union: Pauline, now Mrs. Thomas Shaw of Sandusky, Ohio, LeGrande of Maryland [Otsego Co. NY], Percy of Albany, Stewart, who died in 1904, William Jr. of Cooperstown, and Miles of Washington, D. C. About the time of his marriage he started in the mercantile business in this village, and has kept a general store here ever since. [On] Oct. 4, 1892, he married Miss Nellie A. Thompson of Exeter Center, the union proving a most congenial and happy one.

In 1898 he was appointed postmaster, which position he held for 16 years, and has since been deputy postmaster for Mrs. Southworth, who qualified for the position and still holds that office. Mr. Southworth was a business man of ability and integrity—the kind so much needed in the world. He also possessed a kind and sympathetic nature and generous disposition. Among the offices he had held for many years were town clerk, treasurer of the school district, secretary of the cemetery association, treasurer of the church, secretary of the Masonic lodge, of which he has a record of the greatest number of years of membership. For several years past he has been in failing health, and has been most tenderly cared for by his devoted wife, who has left nothing [un]done that might add to his comfort.

Beside the wife and children already mentioned he leaves six grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mrs. Henry Angermeir of Richfield Springs is an adopted sister.

Mr. Southworth had been a member of the Universalist church for man years, always contributing generously to its support. The funeral was very largely attended at the church Saturday at 2 p.m. , Rev. Chas. Kramer, a former pastor of the church now of Bridgeport, Conn., conducting the service. Two hymns were sung by Alberto Mora. The Masonic brethren took charge of the service at the grave. The floral offerings were many and very beautiful. Several former soldiers had places of honor at the funeral. Huggick-Purcell-Shepard Post, American Legion, was represented by Commander [Everett?] Williams.

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