

[Sparbier, Reuben]

### FORMER VILLAGE TRUSTEE DIES

Reuben Sparbier, 86, a former village trustee under the late Mayor Thomas Grogan, and a retired Standard Furniture Co. foreman, died yesterday in his home, 504 Church St, after several weeks' illness.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. tomorrow from the Fenner Funeral Home, with the Rev. Stanley C. Stall, pastor of the Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Sparbier was born Sept. 1, 1865 in Frey's Bush, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sparbier, and had resided in this village for 62 years. He was employed by the furniture company for 52 years, retiring in 1942.

His marriage to Effie Cole took place in this village on Aug. 2, 1894. She died May 22, 1932. He married Mattie Harvey Bassett on Nov. 15, 1933.

A Democrat, he served four years as village trustee. It was during his tenure in the spring of 1910 that the West Canada Creek overflowed its banks, resulting in the village's most disastrous flood. The state erected the present retaining dyke on the west bank of the creek that has prevented similar floods.

Besides his wife, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Byron G. Shults, this village; a son, Glen K. Sparbier, New Hartford; two step-children, Mrs. Leo Carney, Little Falls, and Ralph K. Bassett, Holland, Mich.; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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