

[Speer, Maurice L.]

Heart Attack Fatal to Maurice L. Speer
Had Been Inspector for Sheffield for 19 Years

Maurice L. Speer, who had a wide acquaintance throughout the farming region in this part of the country, because of his many years association with the Sheffield Company as an inspector, suffered a recurrence of heart trouble Friday evening at his home in Bucks Bridge and died in fifteen minutes. He had been forced to retire from active work in 1938 when a heart attack confined him to his bed for six weeks.

The funeral was held from his home Sunday afternoon at 2:15 with Rev. Hugh S. Tigner of the Canton Universalist Church officiating. Burial was in Lisbon at the White Church cemetery.

Though brought up by parents who were farmers, he entered into the milk manufacturing business at the early age of nineteen, when he became the operator of a cheese factory on the River Road in Lisbon. Later he bought the Lisbon Keystone factory which in 1900 he sold to Charles Dawley. He moved to Bucks Bridge and bought the Grasse River factory which he operated until 1923, when he sold out to Lee Young.

While still operating the Bucks Bridge factory he became an inspector for Sheffields. After selling out to Mr. Young he devoted his entire time to the Sheffield business and during the next nineteen years came to know practically every farmer in this immediate vicinity.

He was a son of the late Richard F. and Jeannette Livingston Speer of Lisbon and was born October 26, 1873. His wife, née Miss Charlotte Moore of Lisbon, whom he married in October, 1906, died in 1931. Mr. Speer was a Mason and a member of the Universalist Church.

He is survived by a son, Webster E. Speer, Canton veterinarian; three daughters, Mrs. Fred (Leola) Loucks, Canton, Mrs. Howard (Florence) Brown, Messena, and Mrs. William (Jean) LaFrance, Binghamton, and several grandchildren.

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