

[Starner, John N.]

Death of John N. Starner

John N. Starner, aged 64 years, died suddenly Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 1:30 o'clock at his home, 16 Holly St., Auburn. He was taken ill at noon and failed rapidly, dying as Dr. John Gerin, the family physician arrived. Last May Mr. Starner suffered a stroke of apoplexy from which he never fully recovered. Dr. Gerin pronounced blood pressure on the brain as the cause of death.

The deceased was born in Genoa, and lived here before going to Auburn to reside.

Mr. Starner was one of the most widely known life insurance men in this part of the state, having been identified with the insurance business in Auburn for the past 38 years. He held the office of recorder in Auburn Lodge F. and A.M. for the past 20 years. For the same number of years he was secretary of the Salem Town Commandery, Knights Templar. He was also a prominent member of the Masonic Club. Mr. Starner was also prominent among the Republicans of the city.

Besides his wife, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Edward Kell, Miss Erma Starner and Miss Frances Starner of Auburn and Mrs. B. I. Card of North Fair Haven; four sisters, Mrs. Sarah Beardsley, Mrs. Marin Mack, [and] Mrs. Ella Taylor of Auburn and Mrs. John Davis of Genoa, and by three brothers, Nelson Starner of Auburn and William and Frank Starner of Genoa.

Relatives, friends and business and lodge associates in large numbers attended the funeral which was held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Universalist church. The services were under the direction of Salem Town Commandery, Knights Templar of which organization Mr. Starner was a past eminent commander. Rev. Arnold S. Yantis, the pastor of the church, officiated. Services at the family home were held at the convenience of the family and relatives.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held at the First Universalist church. A large delegation from Auburn Lodge, F.&A.M., together with Knights Templar, members from the Masonic Club and other Auburn organizations, was in attendance. Two special funeral cars accompanied the remains to Sand Beach cemetery where the Masonic ritual was read. Six past commanders of Salem Town Commandery acted as bearers.

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