

[Storrs, William Gardner]

William Gardner Storrs

In the early hours of Saturday morning, April 30th, at his home in Syracuse, occurred the death of William Gardner Storrs, after an illness of many months. His long illness and the nature of the disease had in a measure prepared his family and friends for the end, but nevertheless, it brought sincere sorrow to many hearts, not only in his own family circle, but to many outside.

Mr. Storrs was born in Trenton, September 18, 1850, and was the only son and eldest child of the late William H. and Laura Storrs. He belonged to one of Trenton's oldest families, his father and grandfather being among the pioneer settlers of that town. [On] January 1, 1876, he married Miss Nettie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Smith, then of Trenton, but later of this village.

Some years ago Mr. and Mrs. Storrs removed to this village, where Mr. Storrs engaged in the mercantile business, but since leaving here, about twenty-five years ago, they have made their home in various places, the longest residence being in Morristown, N.Y., and Syracuse. In the former place Mr. Storrs was the proprietor of a hotel and in this way gained a wide acquaintance with the traveling public throughout the state. His genial disposition made him an ideal landlord and he was particularly happy in this capacity. Of late years he had traveled for a well known stock food company and was a frequent visitor in this place, where he had always retained the friendships formed during his residence here.

Last fall he was taken ill with a heart trouble, and in spite of the best of medical skill he continued to fail, and the end came as a blessed relief from untold suffering. Thoughtful of those near him, cheerful under the most trying circumstances, he bravely fought for his life, but when he was forced to face the inevitable he submitted with the same bravery that had characterized him during his illness, and spent what time he had at his command in bringing those whom he was to leave to the same spirit of resignation. This bright way of looking at things, coupled with rare unselfishness and strong affections, tended to make his home life one of the happiest, and while his friends are unnumbered, yet it is in his home circle that he will be most greatly missed.

Besides his wife he leaves two sons, Arthur W. and Gardner S. of Syracuse, and two sisters, Julia E. Storrs of Syracuse and Mrs. Michael Moore of Utica.

Mr. Storrs was for years an attendant at the Universalist Church in Syracuse. He was a member of the Masonic order, and his funeral, which was held from his late residence Sunday afternoon, was conducted according to the ritual of that order. Rev. Mr. [Frederick] Betts of the Universalist Church also officiated. Interment took place Monday afternoon in Evergreen Cemetery, Trenton, where a committal service was conducted by Trenton Lodge, F. & A. M.

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