

[Sweet, William]

Mr. Sweet's Funeral

WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AND WILL BE PRIVATE

One of Syracuse's Leading Citizens Dies of Heart Failure—Took an Active Interest in Public Affairs and His Business Ability Was Recognized

The funeral of William A. Sweet, who died from heart trouble early last Saturday evening at his home, will be held privately at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mr. Sweet was one of Syracuse's most respected citizens, always striving to advance the interests of the city. As president of the Sweet Steel Company formed in [1853?] he gained a national reputation, being considered one of the best steel manufacturers in the United States.

He was born in Pompey 73 year ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace [Candace Avery] Sweet. William received a common school education and then went out into the world to hustle for himself. He was a blacksmith for a short time, afterward was engaged in the manufacture of guns, and later worked as a machinist. In [1859?] Mr. Sweet came to this city and with John E. Sweet and Charles E. Bates organized the firm of Sweet Bros. & Co. From a small concern, engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements and other tools, the business steadily grew until in about 1865 the firm began to make steel. In 1873 the Sweet Manufacturing Company was incorporated with W. A. Sweet as president and general manager. Mr. Sweet served in that capacity until about three years ago, when he retired from the business, since conducted by H. L. Stevens, his son-in-law, John W. Maxwell and C. H. Knapp. A large plant to be used by the Sweet Manufacturing company is being built in Williamsport, Pa., and some time this year the local works will be moved to that city.

Mr. Sweet always took a deep interest in public affairs. He was one of the incorporators and for ten years a director of the Solvay Process company. He was one of the oldest members of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the American Iron and Steel association. He advocated better roads and never refused to assist in any movement of that kind. He believed that Salmon river water could have been brought to Syracuse cheaper than Skaneateles lake water and he tried hard to have the city use the former. Mr. Sweet was a Republican in politics and a Universalist in religious belief.

On December 26, 1865 he married Mrs. Maria Hudson Tallman, who survives, together with two daughters. Mrs. Robert Dey and Mrs. Harold L. Stevens; two brothers, Prof. John Edson Sweet and W. B. Sweet; and by two stepsons, F. G. Tallman of Cleveland, O. and P. H. Tallman of Seattle, Wash.

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