

## [Tallman, Selah C.]

### SELAH C. TALLMAN, PIONEER AUTOIST, CALLED BY DEATH

Selah C. Tallman died this morning at his home, 32 Chedell Place, at the age of 69 years. He had been ill only a week. Mr. Tallman was born in the Town of Scipio, December 20, 1853. After completing his literary studies at Auburn High School he learned stenography by study from text books, and attaining proficiency took a position with C. Altman & Company, manufacturers of agricultural machinery, Canton, Ohio. This was in 1878, and he remained with that house for a year and a half when he went to Syracuse as private secretary to William A. Sweet.

His next position brought him back to Auburn in the employ of Sheldon & Company, the axle manufacturers, with whom he remained two years. In 1881, he received the appointment of official stenographer of the County Court and Surrogate's Court and served in that capacity for 12 years, until 1893. During part of that time he served also as extra court reporter in the United States and the Supreme Court of the State of New York. At that time also Mr. Tallman was engaged in business for himself. He sold Remington and Smith-Premier typewriters, and carried on an extensive portrait-copying establishment in partnership with W. I. Bennett under the firm name of S. C. Tallman & Company.

In 1893, J. [John] K. Tallman, S. C. Tallman's father, died. He had conducted an undertaking establishment in partnership with his brother Humphrey A. Tallman, under the name of H. A. & S. C. Tallman. Humphrey A. Tallman died in April, 1898, and Mr. Tallman purchased his interest in the business which he conducted until he retired from active business life. The undertaking establishment was moved to Clark Street in February, 1906.

Mr. Tallman was one of the most public-spirited and progressive men in Auburn, and was identified with many of its best business and social organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce; charter member of the Owasco Country Club; president of the Auburn Automobile Club for many years; trustee of Fort Hill Cemetery Association and member of other civic and fraternal orders. He was also an honorary member of the Onondaga County Undertakers' Association.

He owned the first gasoline automobile in Auburn and gave a great many Auburnians their first automobile ride.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, J. Bradford Tallman and Carl C. Tallman of this city; a half brother William Thornberg Tallman of Kansas City, Mo., and three grandchildren, Virginia, John and Robert Tallman.

Funeral services will be held at the house Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial will be in Fort Hill Cemetery.

*Auburn Citizen*, Auburn NY, Wed. 6 May 1925

Transcribed on 18 Nov 2014 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY

[Tallman, Selah C.]

LAST SOLEMN RITES FOR LATE SELAH C. TALLMAN

Funeral services for the late Selah C. Tallman were held at his house, 32 Chedell Place, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. A. [Adelbert] E. Allison, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiated. Burial was in Fort Hill Cemetery.

The services were largely attended by friends and former business associates and many fine floral tributes were received.

Bearers were Frederick G. Allen, William R. Cross, Harry R. Kidney, Lewis F. Leonard, Frank C. Rich and Silas Taber.

*Auburn Citizen*, Auburn NY, Fri. 8 May 1925

Transcribed on 18 Nov 2014 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY