

[Taylor, Howell]

## HOWELL TAYLOR, LONG FUNERAL DIRECTOR, DIES

Howard Taylor, 70, organizer of the first regiment of the New York State Independent Volunteers, died last night in Memorial hospital following an operation.

With his death, Herkimer lost one of its oldest funeral directors, a business in which he had been engaged since 1896, starting at the age of 27 with his father, William B. Howell.

He came to Herkimer in 1917 as an associate to his uncle and assisted in conducting a business which included a furniture store in N. Main St., in quarters now occupied by the A & P store.

After the store closed Mr. Taylor took over the funeral directing business. He will long be remembered for his sympathy and courtesy in the practice of his profession.

### **Graduated as Major**

Mr. Taylor graduated as major from the Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, a military school which was razed by fire in 1895.

With his military background, he founded and trained the New York State Independent Volunteers in 1917 during World War I. The unit consisted of 12 infantry companies and one platoon of Indian scouts.

It was engaged in guard work at the Remington Arms Co., Savage Arms Corp., and other war plants throughout the war. After the Armistice, when the need for the organization ceased, it was disbanded. On May 1, 1923, he was raised to the rank of colonel.

He was born on Mar. 4, 1875, in Fairbury, Ill., a son of the late Oscar and Lillie Howell Taylor. At the age of four, he moved to Little Falls with his parents, and 28 years ago to Herkimer. In 1927 he married May E. Trombley at Springfield, Mass.

### **Active in Masonry**

A member and trustee of the Universalist church, he was affiliated with the Herkimer Masonic Lodge, serving as its master in 1920. He was also a member of the Mohawk Valley Consistory, the Down & Out Club, Loyal Order of Moose, the Herkimer-Oneida Funeral Directors Association, and Ziyara Temple.

Besides his wife, he leaves three step-children, Sgt. George Trombley, a member of the Army; Reginald Trombley, Rochester; and Mrs. Wesley Bartlett, Syracuse, and two cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday from his late home, 409 N. Prospect St. with the Rev. Harold W. Haynes, Universalist, the Rev. Edward V. Winder, Baptist, and the Rev. Fred G. Cotnam, Methodist, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

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