

[Thom, William]

WILLIAM THOM

Rome—William Thom, 88, for years a paper hanger in this city, died last night at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barnard, 313 West Dominick Street.

Mr. Thom was born in Bolton, Lancashire, England March (?), 1841, a son of George and Mary Whittle Thom. He landed in New York City June 25, 1847, and made his home there for two years, his family then coming to Utica.

He lived in Utica until his marriage to Miss Ellen Halliday, also a native of England, March 28, 1865. His wife's father conducted a grocery store on Leah Street, Utica, for 30 years. The couple were married by the late A. B. Goodrich, D.D., in Calvary Episcopal Church.

Following their marriage they made their home in Little Falls, and in (1893?) they moved to Rome. His wife died Aug. 4, 1917. He was a member of the Universalist Church.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Alice (Fulborn?), West New York, N.J.; Mrs. Alvin Barnard, Rome; one sister, Mrs. Ellen Bell, Whitesboro.

[On] March 28, 1915, the couple observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Thom was active in Masonic circles, being a member of Rome Lodge No. (??), F. & A. M. He was for three years high priest of the lodge. He was also affiliated with Fort Stanwix Chapter No. 163, R.A.M., and for a number of years he was an active member of Rome Lodge No. 224, I.O.O.F.

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