

[Turner, Julius J.]

JULIUS J. TURNER

Julius J. Turner, who was born in Otsego county and for forty-five years had been a resident of Oneonta, died at 8 o'clock Thursday morning of last week at his home, 18 Grand street, Oneonta. His illness was of seven years' duration, and was of creeping palsy, following an attack of erysipelas. He had been confined to his bed, however, for only ten days.

The funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. at his late home, the Rev. Dr. F. G. Leining, superintendent of Universalist churches of New York state officiating and interment was made in the family plot in Glenwood cemetery.

The deceased was born in Exeter, August 19, 1853, and was a son of James and Syphera (Atkins) Turner, both descendants of pioneers in Northern Otsego. His early life was spent in Exeter, but in 1884, he went to Oneonta, where for twenty-three years he was head of the retail department of the firm of Morris Brothers. Later he entered into partnership in the hardware business with the Hon. Walter L. Brown, the firm name being Brown & Turner, retiring, however, owing to failing health, in 1920. During his long illness he was patient and uncomplaining, and was mindful to fullest degree of the loving services which by family and friends were rendered to comfort his last days.

Mr. Turner was twice married, his first wife being Miss Velma Lidell, who died in 1890. His second wife, who survives him, was Miss Lillian Swart of Oneonta, to whom he was married in September, 1892. He leaves also one sister, Mrs. Leslie Hollister, of Los Angeles, Cal., and two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Walter L. Brown of Oneonta and Mrs. Edgar Turner of Ilion. Other relatives are three nephews, A. J. Ryder of West Palm Beach, Fla., Arthur L. Turner of Mohawk, and Albert R. Turner of Clinton.

Though in largest measure devoted to home and family, Mr. Turner was also deeply interested in the welfare of Oneonta and in whatever made appeal for the betterment of humanity. He was a consistent member of the Universalist church, of which he was a deacon and in which he never lost interest. He was a member also of the Order of Elks, of the Y.M.C.A., and of the Red Cross. His business relations made him many acquaintances, and they were all his friends. He was a devoted husband, patient and uncomplaining even in long infirmity, and, dying, he leaves many friends who will greatly regret his death and will keep ever in mind the sterling qualities of his character.—Oneonta Star.

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