

[Underwood, John C.]

Deaths: UNDERWOOD. Tuesday morning, July 9, at the Auburn City Hospital, John C. Underwood of 27 Lewis Street, Auburn, in the 71st year of his age. Funeral was held Thursday, July 11. Burial was made in Fort Hill Cemetery.

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DEATH RECALLS TROLLEY DAYS IN AUBURN

**John C. Underwood Served For Years As Motorman,
First On Syracuse Run; Had Teddy Roosevelt As Passenger Once**

John C. Underwood, 71, of 27 Lewis Street, veteran motorman on the old Auburn and Syracuse Electric Railroad, died early this morning at City Hospital.

Mr. Underwood was born in 1869 in the Town of Aurelius and for the past 45 years had resided in Auburn. He was a member of the First Universalist Church of this city and The King's Daughters and Sons of that church. He was formerly a member of the Auburn Lodge of Elks.

For 38 years Mr. Underwood was an employee of the trolley road, being at the controls when the first electrically propelled car made the trip between Auburn and Syracuse. He continued with the trolley line until its discontinuance, since which time he has been employed by the city and more recently as a watchman by local banks. During his years as motorman, he had as passengers many celebrities, including President Theodore Roosevelt.

Mr. Underwood is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jane M. Painter Underwood; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer S. Webster and Mrs. W. Romaine Fisher, both of this city; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the funeral rooms of Lester E. Brew, 47 Clark Street. Rev. Hal T. Kearns, pastor of the First Universalist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Hill Cemetery. Friends have been invited to call at the funeral rooms from 2 to 5 Tuesday afternoon and from 7 to 10 Wednesday evening.

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