

[Vann, Henry B.]

### Death of Henry B. Vann

Henry B. Vann, one of Clinton's best known citizens died suddenly in that place last Friday morning.

About 9 o'clock Mr. Vann was seated in front of his place of business reading a paper, when he fell suddenly forward on the ground. He evidently felt the shock [stroke] coming as he spoke quickly to Barton Feely, who was standing near by, and asked him to catch him. As he fell a number of friends immediately rushed to his aid, and he was carried to his residence next door. Drs. F. M. Barrows and F. H. Peck were summoned. Investigation showed that there was no action of the heart, and in a few minutes Mr. Vann passed away.

Mr. Vann was a son of James and Amy Vann, and was born in Clinton in 1852. During several years he was employed by Andrew Young, who was for many years the proprietor of the American Hotel at Waterville. Later he conducted a hotel at Deansville himself, but only for a period of a year or so. Seventeen years ago Mr. Vann associated himself with Benjamin T. Sutton in the saloon and restaurant business on East Park Row. After two years Mr. Sutton retired, and Mr. Vann continued the business at the same place until the time of his death.

Mr. Vann was always very much interested in Fire Department matters and was [for] a number of years foreman of the old Excelsior Company, which was disbanded a number of years ago. He was also somewhat of a sportsman and no one enjoyed a day's hunting or fishing better than he. A man of great size, he commanded attention wherever he went and at the State Fireman's Conventions which he attended he was always a conspicuous figure. But few men were better known throughout Oneida county than "Hank" Vann, as he was familiarly called, and his death was learned with sincere regret by a host of friends. Besides his aged mother, who resides in Clinton, Mr. Vann is survived by a wife and three children, also three sisters—Mrs. Charles Collins, of Vernon Centre; Mrs. John Law, New Hartford, and Mrs. Amy White, of Clinton. The funeral was held on Monday at Clinton, Rev. Geo. H. Adams, formerly pastor of the Universalist Church in Clinton officiating. The bearers were Fred H. Billingham, W. H. Morrow, George Cackett, O. J. Burns, Hobart Ives of Clinton, C. M. Felton and John Welsh of Waterville.

The floral tributes were numerous and most beautiful, especially noticeable being a harp from the members of the Clinton Coaching Club, and a trumpet from the members of the old Excelsior Fire Company, to which organizations Mr. Vann belonged. The Excelsior Fire Company turned out in a body fifty strong and acted as escort. Interment was made in the Clinton Cemetery.

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