

[Walrath, Alphonzo A.]

DEATH CLAIMS A. A. WALRATH OF FORT PLAIN

FORT PLAIN, Feb. 15—Alphonzo A. Walrath, 80, former assemblyman, 50 year Mason and prominent Fort Plain resident, died early yesterday morning at his home on Lydius Street.

Mr. Walrath underwent an operation in December in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown. He returned home some time ago.

He was born October 18, 1870, in Fort Plain, the son of Alphonzo and Mary Farley Walrath. He was educated in the schools in Fort Plain and was graduated from the old Clinton Liberal Institute [a Universalist school]. He was also a graduate of Tufts College.

For many years he was prominent in musical circles in Fort Plain and the Mohawk Valley. He was the leader of the old Fort Plain band for many years.

Mr. Walrath engaged in the manufacturing of broom machinery in Fort Plain, continuing the business established by his father. At one time he was a partner in the Lipe & Walrath Sewing Machine Company in Syracuse. He retired from business a number of years ago.

He served as President of the Village of Fort Plain and several terms as president of the village water board. He served as member of Assembly from Montgomery County during 1919 and 1920. He was an active member of the Fort Plain Lodge, 433, F. & A.M., and was awarded a 50-year certificate and honorary life membership some time ago.

The survivors are his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Barber Walrath, formerly of Minnsville and Utica; one daughter, Mrs. Lowell R. Comfort, of New York City; two sons, Alphonso B. Walrath of Scarsdale and Alton A. Walrath of New York City; three sisters, Mrs. Nettie Woolworth and Mrs. Hazel Miller of Cooperstown and Mrs. Mary Augar of Orlando, Fla., also five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home on Lydia Street. The Rev. Lyman Achenback [Achenbach] of the Universalist Church and the Rev. J. Arthur Waring, D.D., rector of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

The ritualistic service of the Masonic Lodge will be carried out at the home tonight by the officers and members of the Fort Plain Lodge.

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