

[Walrath, Alton W.]

Alton W. Walrath

Fort Plain—Alton W. Walrath, 70, died Feb. 14, 1951, in his home in Lydia St., following a long illness.

He was born in Fort Plain Oct. 18, 1880, son of Alphonzo and Mary Farley Walrath. In 1901 he married Charlotte Barber.

He operated the A. Walrath Company, which manufactured broom corn machinery, until illness forced his retirement a number of years ago.

He was a former member of the Assembly from Montgomery County and former president of the Village Board. He was a graduate of Fort Plain High School, the old Clinton Liberal Institute [a Universalist preparatory school] and Tufts College [also a Universalist-heritage institution].

He was a member of Fort Plain Masonic Club and Fort Plain Lodge, F&AM.

He leaves his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Lowell Comfort, New York City; two sons, Alphonzo, Scarsdale, and Alton W. Jr., New York City; three sisters, Mrs. Nettie Woolworth,[and] Mrs. Hazel Miller, both of Cooperstown, and Mrs. Mary Anger, Orlando, Fla., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2 tomorrow from the home, Rev. Lyman Achenbach, Universalist minister, and the Rev. Arthur Waring, Holy Cross Episcopal Church, officiating.

Masonic services will be conducted at 8:30 tomorrow. Burial will be in Fort Plain Cemetery.

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