

[Walrath, John T.]

### Little Falls Man Drops Dead at Parade in Utica

Utica, June 4.—John T. Walrath, 77, of 38 Church street, Little Falls, dropped dead on the steps of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation while watching the Elks' parade here yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Walrath, born in the town of Danube, Sept. 25, 1853, had been a resident of Little Falls nearly his entire life. He was employed by the Cherry-Burrell Corporation for 48 years as a foreman in the carpenter shop.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Leland C. [Madge] Wires and Mrs. L. Stephen Timmerman and a son, Staring, this city; two sisters, Mrs. F. C. Cummings of Rochester, and Mrs. A. T. Bradley of New York, and a brother, Eugene M. Walrath of Little Falls.

Mr. Walrath was stricken five minutes after his son, Staring, a drummer of the Little Falls Military Band, passed in review.

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### Dirge for Band Man

Saturday's Little Falls Evening Times had the following:

As John T. Walrath himself had many times marched to the slow and measured tread of a dirge played by himself and his colleagues of the Little Falls Military Band, so that same band played a funeral march at the head of the cortege today that accompanied his body to church and cemetery. Mr. Walrath, a charter member of the band and for years one of its most active members[,] had made a request in life that at his obsequies the band should lead the funeral procession and play continually "At Rest." Needless to say, the musicians gladly complied with this request in the march from the house to St. Paul's [Universalist] church at 2 o'clock and from the church to the cemetery. Former members of the local band from a number of places in Central New York, as well as bandmen from many nearby municipalities attended, for Mr. Walrath had gained a wide acquaintance during the many years he played with the local organization. The employes [employees] of the Cherry-Burrell factory, where Mr. Walrath was so long employed, attended in a body. The bearers were Frank Timmerman, Edward Munk, W. T. Wolfenden, Myers Bucklin, George J. Schiemer and C. B. Dalzell.

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