

[Ward, Charles Lincoln]

CHARLES L. WARD, AGED 68, DIES
PIONEER SERVICE STATION OPERATOR EXPIRES

Charles L. Ward, 68, of 1385 Washington street, stock clerk at the New York Air Brake company for the past ten years and owner and manager of the Gateway Camp first gasoline filling station in this city, died at his home at 10:30 this morning after a serious illness of heart disease for the past two weeks.

Mr. Ward was born in Rome, Sept. 9, 1860 a son of the late Samuel R.¹ and Thankful Maria Sherman Ward of Richfield Springs. When 25 years of age he moved to Swanton, Vt., where he was town clerk for several terms. He married Miss Myrtle L. Tabor of Swanton at Swanton, March 22, 1887. She died in November, 1909, in this city.

Mr. Ward came here 38 years ago and was employed by the Black River Traction company. He then worked for the old Excelsior Carriage company for 18 years and then was employed by the Thomas H. Bradley Hardware company for five years. He then went to work for the New York Air Brake company.

Eleven years ago he started the gasoline filling station in front of his home in Washington street which was the forerunner of the numerous stations in the city. The station was famous for its unique signs advertising the place. As one left the city and passed the station, there was a sign prominently displayed, reading "Your Last Chance" and upon entering the city one was greeted with the sign "Your First Chance." Mr. Ward was operating the station at the time of his death.

On April 20, 1916 he married Miss Lumira Skeels of this city, who survives. He was a member of the lodge of Masons of Swanton, Vt., and attended the All Souls Universalist church of this city.

Besides his wife Mr. Ward is survived by two sons, Kenneth T. Ward of Hartford, Conn., and Stanley R. Ward of this city; one adopted son, Walter, and two grandchildren, Peter A. Ward, jr., of this city, and Rosemary Ward of this city.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 from the home, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be in the North Watertown cemetery.

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¹ Rev. Samuel Roland Ward, a Universalist minister