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WILLIAM S. WATERBURY

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE OLD GENTLEMAN

For Over a Half Century a Resident of Frankfort—An Active Lead Citizen—
End Came After a Lingered Illness Last Saturday Evening—Funeral Tuesday

Another of the oldest and best known business men of Frankfort has laid his burden down, given to others the cares and responsibilities of this life and passed into the dreamless sleep. At his home in West Main street on Saturday evening, May 25, William S. Waterbury closed his eyes to the world about him and crossed to the other shore, to join and be with the great majority. For more than 43 years no man was better known in the business interests of Frankfort than he. Energetic, enterprising and public spirited, he stood among the foremost of those who had at heart the welfare of the village, was ready at all times to do his part for what was intended for its best interest and its future welfare.

Mr. Waterbury was born in Nassau, Columbia county on February 14, 1833, but came with his father, the late Robert Waterbury to Frankfort in 1851; was engaged in the grocery business for a short time, was associated with the late Hon. A. C. McGowan at East Frankfort, but in 1857 embarked in the mercantile business for himself and continued without interruption till 1899, when he disposed of the same and retired from active life. During the 43 years of his business career no man was better known, enjoyed a more extended acquaintance or did a more prosperous trade than he. His nature was such that friendships were quickly and easily formed; generous, frank and open-hearted, he retained the confidence of the public in a marked degree and he will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

In October 1855, Mr. Waterbury was united in marriage to Abigail M. Hager. In October, 1905, the couple, after a half century of married life, celebrated their golden wedding. The married and home life of Mr. and Mrs. Waterbury has been a happy one; with a pleasant home and three children to make their surroundings all that could be desired. For the poor he always evinced a feeling of sympathy and was ever ready to extend a helping hand—seemingly at all times he remembered his own early environments and sought to relieve those less fortunate than he. Surely a worthy citizen, a genial kindly friend, a loving husband and devoted father, William S. Waterbury will be missed and mourned by all who were privileged to know him.

The widow and three children, ex-County Treasurer W. [William] H. Waterbury, Mrs. Ella Seaman, whose husband [George Irving Seaman] was buried last week, and Mrs. Frank S. [Mary] Cresson, all of this village, survive. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. W. L. Brown of Chatham, Mrs.

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Martha Brown and Mrs. A. D. Ferguson of Willoughby, Ohio, and Miss Sarah Waterbury of Painesville, Ohio. The deceased was a supporter of the Universalist church, giving of his means toward its maintenance. Mr. Waterbury had been ill for some time of a complication of diseases and though all that was possible was done to stay the chill of death, it proved to no avail, and he is at rest. The funeral services were largely attended from his late home of Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. V. Stevens of the Universalist church in Herkimer officiating. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, the most prominent being the tributes from the business men. The bearers were Joseph J. Dudleston, William Wayne, Frank A. Thurston, James H. Hoard, M. L. Wood and H. H. Ingram.

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