

[Wedderspoon, George M.]

George M. Wedderspoon

In the death of George M. Wedderspoon, which occurred at his home on Leatherstocking street, in this village, Friday, March 11th, Cooperstown and the town of Otsego loses one Universally respected and honored and Otsego county one of its best citizens. His standing was not merely confined to his own locality but he was well known throughout the county. Of a genial and kindly nature his friends equaled the number of his acquaintances. Mr. Wedderspoon had been a sufferer with heart and kidney trouble for several years, but his rugged constitution did not break until about six months ago when he gradually became worse and failed gradually until the end.

Politically he was a power for years in the town and county councils of the Republican party, devoting to it the unswerving loyalty of a staunch champion. For five terms he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors representing the town of Otsego, and he acted as a member of the building committee when the present county clerk's building was erected.

In 1906 he was elected sheriff of the county of Otsego, which office he administered with much credit both to himself and to the county. After his term of sheriff expired, he removed to a farm near Flycreek, where he resided until 1911, at which time he received the appointment as Postmaster of the village of Cooperstown, in which capacity he served until 1916. A member of the Republican county committee for many years he held the post of vice-chairman at the time of his death.

Born on the Marcus Field farm in the town of Hartwick, March 25, 1860, he came to the town of Otsego with his parents while yet a small boy and had lived in this town practically all his life. He successfully operated several large farms which he owned in the vicinity of Flycreek and Cooperstown and for a time was engaged in the lumber business as a partner of ex-sheriff Ziba Holbrook.

The deceased was the son of George Wedderspoon, who was born in Perthshire, Scotland, and Catherine (Van Horne) Wedderspoon. On March 13, 1884, he was united in marriage with Etta M. Wikoff, daughter of Rufus Wikoff, by whom he is survived, also by two sons, Daniel G. Wedderspoon, A. John Wedderspoon, and a daughter, Mrs. Henry J. Reed, of Little Falls.

The funeral services were held at his late home in Cooperstown on March 13th, being the date of the thirty-seventh anniversary of his marriage. The Rev. Charles M. Kramer of the Universalist church, officiated. About one hundred members of the Otsego Lodge No. 138, F. and A.M., of which Mr. Wedderspoon was a member, took charge of the burial service at Flycreek, where there were also assembled a large delegation of members of the Flycreek Grange, of which he was a charter member.

The family gratefully acknowledges floral offerings from the Masonic Lodge, the Postmaster and postoffice employees, the Grange, the Universalist church and numerous friends. They also wish hereby to thank several friends for cars donated for the funeral.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 18 Mar 1921