

[Whitney, William M.]

A WELL KNOWN MERCHANT DEAD
William M. Whitney Died of Apoplexy This Morning—
Head of Dry Goods Firm for Forty Years

Albany, May 10.—William M. Whitney, head of the dry goods firm of W. M. Whitney & Co., and one of the oldest and best known merchants in this part of the State, died here this morning.

Mr. Whitney, who was 78 years old, suffered a stroke of apoplexy yesterday, from which he did not revive.

He was born in Boston and was a grandson of Brigadier General Joshua Whitney, one of the "Boston tea party" of pre-revolutionary fame. He was educated in the New York City schools and came to Albany in the early sixties, buying into the business of which he afterward became the head, about 1866. His wife was Miss Amelia Cook, of New York. Three of six children survive him: Mrs. W. A. Stott, Mrs. Charles A. [Mabel] Sabin and Charles A. Whitney, all of this city.

Two sons were named William M. Whitney, Jr., but neither is living, though one attained manhood.¹

Mr. Whitney was a Mason and a leading member of the Universalist denomination.

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¹ William M. Whitney, Jr., died on 6 Feb 1899 at the age of 38, per the *Evening Journal* of Albany NY on Tue. 7 Feb 1899.