

[Wightman, Dallas A.]

## DALLAS A. WIGHTMAN

Death of Rochester Merchant at His Home After a Brief Illness

The death of Dallas A. Wightman<sup>1</sup> occurred Wednesday night, at his residence, No. 211 Alexander street. Mr. Wightman's illness had not been a long one, but for some little time it was realized that there was little or no hope of recovery. He was 57 years of age. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Jessie M. and Helen T. Wightman, and two sisters, Mrs. J. S. Houk, of Owego, and Mrs. John Rennie, of Binghamton.

Mr. Wightman's business career had made him one of the best-known retailers in Rochester. He was born on a farm in Otsego county, his parents later removing to the vicinity of Owego. When the Civil war broke out the lad, then but 16 years of age, was visiting in Iowa, and was one of the first young men to enlist in Company A, Twenty-eighth Iowa Regiment. He served throughout the four years of the war. He was in Grant's famous campaign against Vicksburg. Twice was he wounded, the latter time being left for dead upon the field. He recovered from the serious wound, however, and was assigned to hospital duty, his efforts being faithfully given to that branch of the service until the end of the war.

At the conclusion of hostilities, when mustered out, Mr. Wightman took a business course at an institution in Poughkeepsie, and afterwards came to Rochester. He clerked for the firm of Smith & Company, on State street, and Hubbard, on Main street. Taking up a new occupation he became traveling salesman for the firm of Ellwell & Moseley, manufacturers of women's garments. His work in this line was so satisfactory that in a short time he succeeded Mr. Ellwell as a member of the firm. In 1878 he bought out the firm's retail store.

Mr. Wightman's reputation as a business man was one of the most satisfactory. He was a member of Hamilton Chapter, R. A. M, and Genesee Falls Lodge, F. & A. M. The funeral will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence.

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<sup>1</sup> Dallas Wightman was a member of the First Universalist Church of Rochester.