

[Williams, John Harris]

JOHN H. WILLIAMS CALLED BY DEATH

One of Oldest Salesmen and Millinery Man in State Died in Hospital To-day.

IN BUSINESS HERE FOR MANY YEARS

John H. Williams, aged 67 years, president of the J. H. Williams Millinery Company, and one of the oldest salesmen and millinery men in New York state, died in the Homeopathic Hospital at 3:20 o'clock this morning. Mr. Williams was suffering from a tumor of the brain since last Friday and yesterday morning was taken to the hospital, where an operation was performed from which he failed to recover. His home was at 2 Otillia street.

John Harris Williams was born in Collinsville, July 10, 1852, the oldest son of the late Thomas and Ann Williams. He attended the schools at Collinsville and Turin and after graduating taught school in the Post district near Lyons Falls for one term. Giving up his work as a teacher he entered the employ of John McClusky, who conducted a general store at Alder Creek. He worked there as a clerk for three years and came to this city in 1876 and was for several years employed in the dry goods store of P. S. Brady, then located on Genesee street below the canal bridge. In 1885 he went to New York City, where he was connected with the wholesale millinery firm of James G. Johnson & Co. He remained there for 25 years, serving part of the time as a traveling salesman. For a time he resided at Auburn and while there represented the New York firm. He returned to Utica in 1910 and went into the millinery business at 2 Blandina street. He was one of the incorporators of the firm and subsequently became president of the concern which bears his name. He was married at Forestport to Miss S. Estella Wilcox of that place, who died in January, 1917. Mr. Williams was a member of the Oriental Lodge, No. 224, F. & A.M., the Republican Club and was a trustee and active member of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation. He is survived by a son, W. Dale Williams, lawyer, of Brooklyn, and two brothers, Thomas E. Williams of Lowville and Everett Williams of Port Leyden.

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