

[Winney, Wilson S.]

Funeral Is Tomorrow for Wilson Winney, 90

Oneonta—Funeral services for Wilson S. Winney of 44 Broad Street, a retired professional entertainer, restaurateur and collector of wild life of the Smithsonian Institution, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Bookhout Funeral Home in Oneonta.

Mr. Winney died at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at his home after an illness of some six months.

The Rev. James Alcock, pastor of the Chapin Memorial Universalist Church of Oneonta, will officiate at the services. Burial will be in Oneonta Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Winney is survived by his wife, the former Hannah J. Ward; three grandchildren, Mrs. Robert J. Bolton of Oneonta, Mrs. William R. Mandigo of Liverpool and Wilson S. Winney, a student at Syracuse University, and a great-granddaughter, Suzanna Wynn Bolton.

He was born Sept. 10, 1860, in the Town of Oneonta, South Side, the son of David and Tollyanna Winney. He was married April 6, 1898.

He operated Winney's Restaurant in Oneonta for many years.

In 1881 at the age of 20 he accepted a position with the Smithsonian Institution to collect animal life in Florida. With two Negro employees acting as guides, he explored swampland and collected skins and pelts.

When he returned North from the expedition, Mr. Winney joined a vaudeville show as a black-faced comedian. He later worked with the famous "showboat" company, touring the country from coast to coast.

He originated the "happy coon minstrels" which are still featured annually in shows sponsored by the Chapin Memorial Church.

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