

[Winning, John]

BULK OF ESTATE TO ORPHAN'S HOME

Death Removes John Winning—Public Library Gets \$1,000 and Winning Hose Co. \$500

Fort Plain, Oct. 8.—John Winning, for nearly half a century an influential business man of this village, died at his (lodgings) in the Hotel Grant, Saturday evening at the advanced age of 73 years.

The deceased was born in Boston, Mass., where he received his education, and later learned the trade of tanning. In (1860?) he came to Fort Plain and entered into a partnership with John Duncan in the tanning business, a partnership that was continued for a period of nearly twenty years. When Mr. Duncan withdrew Mr. Winning continued the plant on a small scale.

For many years Mr. Winning was chief of the Fire Department in the village—and he was instrumental in making the department one of the most efficient in the State. Winning Hose Company took his name. In politics the deceased was Democratic. He is survived by five cousins, M. Everet (Fitz?) and George (Fitz?) of Somerville, Mass., Ann R. Randall of Worcester, Mass., Susan P. (Monroe?) of Lexington, Mass., and Julia Winning of Reston, Mass.

Mr. Winning left quite a large estate, which by his will he divided among his cousins and public institutions. One of the bequests interesting to the townspeople is that \$1,000 will be given to the Public Library, and another of \$500 to the Winning Hose Company. The bulk of the estate was left to the Winning Home for Orphans and Destitute Children, located near Woburn, Mass.

The funeral services will be held from the Universalist Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. L. [Lewis] J. Richards officiating. Winning Hose Company will attend the services in a body, and members of the company will act as bearers.

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[Transcriber's note: Russell B. Williams was the first husband of Minerva Sawens, daughter of Jonas and Martha "Patty" Sawens of Pittsford, Monroe Co. NY They had been married in Rochester on 24 Jan 1854 by Rev. Pitt Morse. Williams' residence at the time of the marriage was given as Quincy, IL. Minerva Williams was later married to R. Chamberlain of Watertown, NY.]