

[Wood, Edwin Wellington]

Edwin W. Wood

Edwin Wellington Wood, 80, died Saturday at the Fort Plain Convalescent Home where he had been a patient since Feb. 8.

He was born in Fort Plain Feb. 1, 1875, the son of Herbert C. and Sarah L. Dewey Wood. Mr. Wood graduated from Clinton Liberal Institute [a Universalist school] in 1894 and the following year from Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie.

When the Fort Plain Postoffice [sic] started village mail delivery on Feb. 1, 1900, he became letter carrier No. 1 and served until his retirement from government mail service in 1933.

A member of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, Fort Plain, he was also affiliated with Fort Plain Chapter No. 433, F. and A.M. He received his 50 year membership certificate from the Masonic Lodge Oct. 10, 1950.

In earlier life, he was a member of the Winning Hose company, the Fort Plain band and the Bohemian Club.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. Willard [Margaret] Sponable, Fort Plain, and Mrs. Harold F. [Constance] Sponable, Nelliston; one sister, Miss Rexa Wood, Fort Plain; three grandchildren, Mrs. Otto W. L. Stahler, Fort Plain, Mrs. James M. Bailey, Sidney, and Miss Kay Sponable, Nelliston, and three great-grandchildren, Craig and Scott Stahler, both of Fort Plain, and Brian Bailey, Sidney. [His wife died Feb. 1, 1955 at the Canajoharie Convalescent Home].

Funeral services were held from the Gray Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. James Alcock, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, Fort Plain, officiating.

Interment was made in the Wood family vault in the Fort Plain Cemetery.

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