

[Woolworth, Smith T.]

SMITH T. WOOLWORTH

Was Born in Lewis County and for 36 Years
Was Cashier of the Jefferson County National Bank

Smith T. Woolworth, for thirty-six years cashier of the Jefferson County National Bank, died of apoplexy at his home in Watertown last Thursday, aged 58 years. Previous to the fatal stroke Mr. Woolworth had been in his usual health. The deceased was born in Pinckney, Lewis county February 14, 1849, the only child of Gilbert E. and Elizabeth Smith Woolworth. He obtained his early education in the common schools near his native home, in Martinsburg and Deer River, and at Lowville Academy. After completing his scholastic work Mr. Woolworth returned to his father's farm, where he remained until 1864. He then located in Carthage, securing a position in a bank. The following year he went to Watertown and accepted a position in the bank of C. G. Harger & Son, where he remained until 1869, when he was compelled to retire on account of ill health. After a short experience in a newspaper office he entered the employ of George F. Paddock & Co., and in 1871 was chosen cashier of the Jefferson County National Bank, in which position he continued until his death.

Mr. Woolworth was interested in many enterprises of a public and industrial character. He was one of the incorporators and the first secretary of the Eames Vacuum Brake company, now the New York Air Brake company; at one time a director of the Watertown Electric Light company; one of the organizers of the Watertown Board of Trade, and once treasurer of the Central Park association, now the St. Lawrence Park association.

In politics Mr. Woolworth was a democrat and was honored by that party with nominations for mayor, alderman, congressman and county treasurer. He was the first president of the Jeffersonian club, at one time an influential political organization. He had served the city as a member of the Board of Education, Public Safety and Public Works.

Mr. Woolworth was a member of the Universalist church, the Masonic lodge and chapter, commandery, K.T., Media Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

On July 22, 1873 Mr. Woolworth was married to Anna Wilhelmina Clark, by whom he is survived. Four of six children born to them survive: Gilbert, of Washington, D.C., and Misses Elizabeth, Amy and Wilhelmina Woolworth, all of Watertown.

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