

[Zoller, Charles]

CHARLES ZOLLER

Charles Zoller, aged 67, died at his home on Lydius street Sunday morning at 2 o'clock, following a second stroke of paralysis which he suffered a few days previous.

Mr. Zoller was one of the best known men in this section and for years had been prominently identified with Fort Plain's business interests. He first came here many years ago and engaged in the grocery business with A. E. Hall, now of New Iberia, La., in the store now occupied by Stemple and Smith, the firm doing a big business under the name of Hall & Zoller. Later he went to New York and embarked in the produce business, having as a partner Albert Dunkell, now of New York. Afterward he worked at the carpenter trade in Fulton county and this neighborhood. In 1893 he returned to Fort Plain and opened Zoller's Cash Grocery, which was just what its name implied. Although many thought at that time that a cash store was an impossibility, the venture proved a success from the start and had a thriving trade. Mr. Zoller continued actively in business until February, 1914, when he was first stricken with paralysis, from which he recovered only partially, although given the best of care and medical attention, a Winter in the south, etc. Because of failing health he disposed of his store in November, 1915, to C. Z. Brandow & Co., who have since conducted it.

Deceased was a son of the late Isaac and Mary Ann Hall Zoller of the town of Minden and came from a family prominent in the locality for over one hundred years. He was a man of sterling integrity, honest in all his dealings, and had asked the same treatment from others that he was always ready to accord. To those of us who have known him since childhood and to all who really knew him, he will always be held in memory dear.

He was a member of the local lodges of Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias and Masons. The funeral, Masonic, was held from his late home Wednesday at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. [Herbert F.] Moulton [Universalist] officiating. Interment in the Fort Plain cemetery. The survivors are a sister and brother, Mrs. L. J. Brandow and Robert Zoller; three nieces and three nephews, Mrs. F. [Fenton] Diefendorf, Mrs. C. H. Brookman, Mrs. Fred Walter, Charles E. Wagner, C. Z. Brandow and Howard I. Zoller.

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