

## [Zoller, Jacob]

### JACOB ZOLLER HAS PASSED AWAY Was Prominent Resident of the City

Little Falls, Jan. 28—One of this city's leading residents has passed away in the death of Jacob Zoller, which occurred at 5:45 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Zoller was born in the town of Minden, Montgomery County, April 15, 1833, the eldest son of the Hon. John I. Zoller and Eliza Sanders. He received his early schooling at Ford's Bush, and at the age of 14 entered Clinton Liberal Institute. In 1856 he entered the employ of his uncle, Abram Zoller, in this city, being employed as a clerk in his combination drug and book store, which is the site of the present drug business of W. D. Watt and Son. At that time he had in mind the study of medicine, but later gave that up for a mercantile career, and in 1859 entered the employ of John and Daniel Crouse at Canastota, where he acquired his first knowledge of the pork packing business. In the early '60's he returned to Minden and began the business of pork packing and a dealer in butter, cheese and eggs on a small scale, and to secure proper railroad facilities for his increasing business, removed to this city in 1867, locating on the site of what is now the Goodell House. He later removed to the Kellar Building, on Main street, and in 1883 built his present stone packing house on East Mill street, which has been augmented by the erection of many buildings. He was a progressive business man.

As a boy, Jacob Zoller's one ambition in life was to own one farm. At the time of his death he was the owner of nine, with an acreage of more than 3,500 acres, including three farms in the town of Minden, three in the town of Danube, two in the town of Manheim and one in the town of Little Falls, besides being the owner of several cheese factories and controlling the output of some 50 more. He also acquired the property of the Little Falls Warehouse Company, which has one of the finest equipped storage plants in the State, and was the owner of the Valley Mills Company, dealing in flour and feed.

Mr. Zoller served for four consecutive terms as Supervisor of the town of Minden—1869 to 1872—being elected three times by the unanimous endorsement of both parties. In politics he was an ardent Republican and stood for cleanliness in politics always.

He declined the position of teller in a Fort Plain bank, which was tendered him early in life, and also declined the first presidency of the Little Falls National Bank, at the time of its organization in this city. At the time of his death he was a director of that institution, also the National Herkimer County Bank of this city and the First National Bank of St. Johnsville. He was the founder of Fairview Cemetery Association and was one of its directors. Up to the time of his last illness he continued to exercise active management over his vast business interests.

In 1872 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Jane Dygert of the town of Minden and five children blessed their union: John I., Maude Jane, Tom J., Abram, and Zaida, all of whom survive to mourn his loss, together with one brother, Abram P. Zoller of Fort Plain, and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Smith of Hallsville and Mrs. Peter Miller of Fort Plain.

The funeral will be held from the late home 553 Garden street, this city, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. I. N. Atwood, D.D., of Rochester and the Rev. J. S. Cutler, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist Church of this city, officiating. The remains will be placed in the Fairview vault.

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