

[Salamanca, Cattaraugus Co.]

SALAMANCA BUSINESS MAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

Salamanca, March 14—Charles Ralph Gibson, 81, for many years prominent business man here, died Friday. He was born August 12, 1849, in Orange, Ohio and after school entered railroad contracting with his father on roads in the West. Later he engaged in that business in this section.

In 1875 he established a wholesale liquor store in Jamestown and in 1877 a branch in Salamanca where still later the business was centered. He was one of the organizers and vice-president of the Salamanca Trust Company and interested in early furniture factories here.

Mr. Gibson was organizer of and for five years first chief of the Salamanca Fire Department. He was one of the organizers of the First Universalist Church here.* In politics he was a Democrat and on the county ticket many times. He belonged to the Masonic orders, the Elks and the Royal Arcanum. He leaves his son, Willard A. Gibson, and daughter, Mrs. Vesta Terrill, and two grandchildren, all of Salamanca. The Knights Templar will conduct funeral services from the home Monday at 2:30 o'clock, the Blue Lodge supplying an escort.

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*Transcriber's note: This is the only information I have been able to learn about this congregation.

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