

[Evans, Cornelius H.]

CORNELIUS H. EVANS DIED SUDDENLY AT HOME SUNDAY NIGHT
Had Not Complained of Illness; Found Dead in Chair by Members of Family

Cornelius H. Evans, a member of one of Hudson's most widely known and highly respected families, passed away suddenly about 11:15 last night while sitting in a chair in his home, 414 Warren street. His body was discovered early this morning when he failed to respond to calls of members of his family.

Mr. Evans had been under the care of a physician for some time. He was in the company of members of the family until about 11 o'clock last night when he decided to retire, and at no time had he complained of any illness during the evening. Apparently Mr. Evans sat in the chair to unlace his shoes. Stricken suddenly, he lay back in the chair and expired.

Mr. Evans, born in the city of Hudson, the son of the late Cornelius H. Evans and Imogene Groat Evans, would have been 75 years of age on October 26 next. He was a lifelong resident of this city and had lived at 414 Warren street since he was two years old.

For many years, he was identified with the C. H. Evans & Sons brewery, which had gained national and international fame for its Evans cream ale. Mr. Evans served as president and secretary and his late brother, R. W. Evans, was vice president and treasurer. The latter passed away several years ago at his home, now owned by Dr. Joseph P. Gold. When the Evans brewery passed out of existence several years ago, Mr. Evans retired from business life.

Mr. Evans was a past commander of the Knights Templar, a member of the Hudson Lodge of Elks, a member of the Columbia Golf & Country club and a life member of the C. H. Evans Hook & Ladder company. Upon the death of Norton M. Denegar, who passed away last week, Mr. Evans became the oldest member of the Hook & Ladder company. Although he was inactive in firemanic [sic] circles for many years, Mr. Evans still held a high regard for the company.

Mr. Evans led a quiet life and was held in high esteem by Hudsonians. His was a benevolent nature and he was ever interested in the welfare of the residents of Hudson. He held a deep respect for this city which had been his home all his life. Mr. Evans never held any public offices, but he expressed keen interest in the government of the city.

Mr. Evans was a member of the old Universalist church, which was one of the strongest in this city for many years until it passed out of existence a number of years ago. He maintained his interest in the Universalist belief and was a member of the Universalist Society [i.e. denomination] at the time of his death.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roy S. Bridge, of East Greenbush; a son, Rowland B. Evans, of Greenport; three grandchildren, Charles Harry Bridge and Josephine Bridge, of East Greenbush, and Susan Brown Evans, of Greenport; also two nephews, C. H. Evans, 3rd, of Greenport, and Robert W. Evans, Jr., of this city.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 with the Rev. Clarence R. Quinn, pastor of the Episcopal church, officiating.

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