

[Kent, Nathan]

NATHAN KENT, FORMER CITY RECORDER, DIES
Prominent in Republican Politics More Than
Quarter of a Century Ago—Was 81—Rites Saturday

Nathan Kent, more than a quarter of a century ago a leader in Republican politics in Auburn, died at 12:30 o'clock this morning at his home, 14 Grant Avenue. He was 81 years old. He was born in this city.

Mr. Kent had been in poor health for several years and six weeks ago a serious illness developed. For a number of terms Mr. Kent had served as city recorder, and he became widely known. He was prominent in Republican conferences in Auburn and throughout the county for many years, and was popular as a campaign speaker.

Soon after his last term as city recorder, 35 years ago, in the old City Hall, Mr. Kent was appointed stock clerk at Auburn prison, in which position he remained for 28 years. He was a close friend of George W. Benham, former warden and Republican leader in the city and county, and of other prominent Republicans.

Mr. Kent retired from the prison seven years ago, and since then remained at home most of the time, making short trips around the city to visit old friends.

Mr. Kent is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Hicks Kent;¹ a son, Herbert Kent of Mount Vernon; a daughter, Mrs. Edna Fenno of Syracuse; two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Jones of Homer [and] Mrs. Roy Wilson of Kansas, and two grandsons.

Funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home, with Rev. Hal T. Kearns, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Soule Cemetery.

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¹ Transcriber's note: There is a double gravestone for in the Soule Cemetery noted here for Nathan Kent 1858-1940 and Sarah A. Kent 1857-1940. It appears that her full name was Sarah Anna (Hicks) Kent.