

[McAdam, William C.]

Death of William C. McAdam

William C. McAdam of Utica, a legal practitioner with a wide acquaintance in Utica and about the country, died Monday morning at the home of his brother, Quentin McAdam after an extended period of failing health. Death came at 6:30 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. McAdam was born in Deansboro on Oct. 14, 1854, and was a son of William McAdam and Lovisi Titus McAdam. His father was a veteran of the Seminole war and on the maternal side he was descended from Revolutionary ancestry. When a boy he was a student at the Utica Free Academy and also attended Clinton Liberal institute and Hamilton College, graduating with honors in the class of 1877.

The year following Mr. McAdam graduated with the law class. While in college he gave considerable attention to rhetorical and was a Clark prize orator. Upon his admission to the bar in Utica, he went West and for two years studied in Chicago and then was admitted to the bar of Illinois.

From Chicago he went to Albert Lee, Minn., to practice his profession, and become active in political matters as a Republican. He held different offices before he went to Duluth, Minn., and there he was associate city attorney and judge of probate. Among the offices he had filled were school director and court commissioner.

Mr. McAdam's health failed while ne was in Duluth and he was obliged to return to New York state, coming here in 1897. He took an office in the Martin Building and practiced his profession continuously up to a little time ago. He manifested his keen interest in politics by participation in local affairs, and had been a speaker for Republican candidates during municipal campaigns. He has served as president of the Republican Club and had been a candidate for alderman of the 4th ward.

Mr. McAdam was very devoted to his profession, and had declined several advantageous business opportunities that would take him from his practice. To his friends he was loyal and in his work was so zealous, even when his bodily vigor was so geatly weakened. He had given considerable time recently to promotion of an electric railway south from Clinton to Waterville and Hamilton, carrying along this proposed enterprise with other legal affairs. Mr. McAdam was identified with the Presbyterian Church while in the West, but since his return to Utica had been with the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist].

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, from his late home. Those who survive Mr. McAdam are two sisters and a brother, Mrs. Theodore F. Hinds of Richfield Springs, Mrs. Joseph H. Gridley of Utica and Quentin McAdam of Utica.

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