

[Plato, Fred W.]

Fred W. Plato

Special to The Courier-Express

Jamestown, Feb. 28.—Fred W. Plato, 86, an attorney in the Ellicott Sq., Buffalo, for 50 years, died today at WCA Hospital here. He was president of the Dunkirk-Fredonia and the Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Cos. Mr. Plato was struck by an auto in Buffalo last December and had been in the hospital since December 19th.

Mr. Plato was graduated from Cornell University's School of Law, and began his practice in Buffalo after being admitted to the bar in 1892.

He was one of the incorporators of the Chautauqua & Erie Telephone Co. at Westfield in 1897 and the Dunkirk-Fredonia Telephone Co. at Fredonia in 1898.

Born in Sherman, Mr. Plato was the son of Marcus and Julia Strong Plato, who were pioneers in that area. He was a member of the Universalist Church of Sherman.

Survivors are three nieces and a nephew.

The Rev. G. Taylor Wright, pastor of the Sherman Community Church, will officiate at funeral services to be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Spitzer Funeral Home, Clymer. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery.

Courier-Express, Buffalo NY, Thu. 1 Mar 1951

Transcribed on 12 Nov 2014 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY

[Plato, Fred W.]

Fred Plato Dies, Phone Pioneer
Led in Fredonia, Mayville, Dunkirk

Fred W. Plato, 86, of 871 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, the president of the Dunkirk and Fredonia and the Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Companies, and a lawyer in Buffalo for more than 50 years, died at 2 A.M. Wednesday in the W.C.A. Hospital after being a patient there since Dec. 19.

He was one of the original incorporators of the Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Company, Westfield, in 1897 and of the Dunkirk and Fredonia Telephone Company, Fredonia, in 1898. At the time of his death he was president of the two companies, which serve the Fredonia area, Ripley, Portland and Mayville.

Mr. Plato was born in Sherman, July 30, 1864, the son of Marcus and Julia Strong Plato, who were pioneers in the Sherman area. Mr. Plato attended Fredonia Normal School and graduated from Cornell Law School in 1892. He was a member of the Universalist Church in Sherman.

Surviving are three nieces, Mrs. Park Benjamin of Wilmington, Del., Mrs. Martin Tenbuckle of Sherman, and Mrs. Harold Love of Jamestown; and a nephew, William P. Hyde of Sherman.

Funeral services will be held from the Spitzer Funeral Home, Clymer, at 1:30 P.M. Friday. Rev. G. Taylor Wright, pastor of the Sherman Community Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery.

Post-Journal, Jamestown NY, Thu. 1 Mar 1951

Transcribed on 12 Nov 2014 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY