

[Potter, Mortimer William]

LONG AND USEFUL LIFE COMES TO AN END
Mortimer W. Potter, Banker and Civic Leader, Died
Wednesday Morning—Funeral Friday Afternoon

Mortimer William Potter, well known in banking circles and prominent in the community life of Friendship for half a century, passed away about three o'clock Wednesday morning, December third. Mr. Potter had been in his usual good health until Sunday.

The funeral services will be held in the Universalist Church of Friendship, Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. Clara Morgan, former pastor of the Hornell Universalist Church and now at Cohocton, a close family friend, will conduct the service. Burial will be in the family lot in Maple Grove cemetery.

Mr. Potter was born in Friendship January 19, 1849, the son of William and Samantha Johnson Potter. Practically his entire life was spent here. After some experience in mercantile business he became one of the organizers of the old Citizens National Bank in 1882 and became the cashier. In 1905 he was chosen president and served in that capacity until 1917, when the Citizens National Bank and the First National Bank were merged to form the present Union National Bank. He was chosen vice-president of the new institution and held that position until his death.

He has been a member of Van Campen Lodge 258, Order of Odd Fellows for fifty-seven years and had held every office in the organization. On his golden jubilee as member, he was honored by the lodge members and presented with a jewel badge.

Mr. Potter was also a member of the Recreation Club, Old Timers Association, and Universalist Church Society.

His wife, Mrs. Ella Thompson Potter, passed away fifteen years ago. Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. Walter H. [Louise] Rumsey of this village and Mrs. Edward H. Ingalls of Castleton-on-the-Hudson, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Amanda Moore of Friendship and Mrs. Mary Potter of Whitesville; and ten grandchildren.

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