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PROSPER R. PUTNAM DEAD

OLD AND WELL KNOWN RESIDENT OF THIS CITY.

Had Lived Here the Most of His Life With the Exception of Three Years in Oswego and Fulton—Long Identified With the Hotel trade.

Prosper R. Putnam, an old resident of Rome, died at his home, 205 W. Court street, at 6:10 this morning, in his 81st year. He had been ill since April.

Prosper B. Putnam was born in the town of Western on April 23, 1824, the son of Horace Putnam and Mary Smith. The family removed to Rome when Mr. Putnam was quite young and, with the exception of about three years, his whole life had been spent in this city.

For a time he was associated with his father in conducting the old Northern Hotel, which stood at the corner of James and Dominick streets, now the site of the Saulpaugh block. For one year, 1848, he ran the Checkered House on the plank road, Oswego, and for two years, 1874-75, was proprietor of the Dexter House, Fulton. For a number of years as early as 1860 he conducted the St. James Restaurant in the Stanwix Hall block on S. James street.

On Jan. 3, 1848, in Lee, Mr. Putnam was married to Miss Mary Resbrook, who survives. He also leaves three sons, H. S., C. R., and P. H. of Rome; one brother, B. H. Putnam of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and two nephews, Judge Frank R. Aikens of Sioux Falls, S. D., and Prosper Hempstead of St. Charles, Ill.

In politics Mr. Putnam was a Democrat. He was an attendant of the Universalist Church.

Mr. Putnam was very genial and always had a pleasant word for his friends and acquaintances, of whom there were many. He was much esteemed by all.

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Death of Prosper R. Putnam

Rome, Sept. 7.—Prosper R. Putnam, an old and esteemed resident of Rome, died at 6:10 this morning at his home, 205 West Court street, a general wearing out of the system being the main cause of death. Mr. Putnam had been in poor health since last April and had been confined to his bed for the past six weeks. He was born on Webster Hill in the town of Western, April 24, 1824, a son of Horace Putnam, who for a number of years conducted an old time distillery there. His mother died when he was a child. When [he was] a boy his father came to Rome and conducted the old Northern Hotel which then stood on the present site of the Saulpaugh block, corner of James and Dominick streets. For two years he conducted the Dexter House in Fulton, and for a time he also conducted what was known as the Checkered Hotel in McConnellsville, the half way house on the old state plank road, being on the stage route from Albany to Oswego. With the exception of but [only] a few years, Rome has always been his home, and he had always been engaged in the hotel or restaurant business, retiring from an active business life about ten years ago. There is probably no one living in Rome to-day who was better known than Mr. Putnam by the old timers, and it is not known that he had an enemy in the world. He was always a very charitable man and had the confidence of all who knew him. On January 3, 1845, Mr. Putnam married Miss Mary Rosbrook of Lee and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary seven years ago last January. Surviving are the wife; one son, H. S. Putnam of Rome; one brother, Bela H. Putnam, of Sioux Falls, S.D., who is now living with Supreme Court Judge Frank R. Aikins, who was brought up in Mr. Putnam's family; also two grandchildren, who had also lived in Mr. Putnam's family till they married; Prof. P. Harry Putnam of Iliion, and Charles R. Putnam of 178 Sunset avenue, Utica; and the only nephews, Prosper Hempstead of Chicago. Mr. Putnam was a regular attendant of the Universalist Church. The funeral will be held at his late home, 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

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