

Henry C. Townsend

Below are two articles that APPEARED IN THE Poughkeepsie Eagle. The Eagle was a predecessor to the Poughkeepsie Journal. These articles give a glimpse into the talents and the community mindedness of Mr. Townsend.

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Mr. Henry C. Townsend, the well-known photographer, who for some time past has conducted an art store and studio in the Julia Eagan building on West Main Street, has leased the store in the James J. Ryan building on Terminal Square, in town which he will move his business the first part of the year. The new quarters will give Mr. Townsend more room for his growing business and will be more advantageous for the display of his stock. When located in his new quarters he intends to open up some new lines in his business.

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TOWNSEND DIES AT FALLS HOME

Long Illness Is Fatal to Former Local Resident;
Belonged To Many Lodges

Henry C. Townsend, weather expert for New York State for more than 30 years, died at his home in Wappingers Falls Wednesday after a long illness. Mr. Townsend, who was sexton of the Baptist Church in the Falls, was born in Poughkeepsie on August 21, 1851.

Death came peacefully, as he sat sleeping in a chair. When the family went to awaken him he was dead. He was at one time caretaker of the Reformed Church at New Hackensack, but for the past 52 years had lived in Wappingers, where he was sexton of the Baptist Church for 10 years. He worked for the Garner Print Works for 11 years.

Mr. Townsend took up photography a number of years ago when the business was in its infancy and became one of the best photographers in the county. As a lodge man he was well known. He joined Lafayette Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F., in 1881 and was one of the oldest Past Grands on the roll having filled the office of recording Secretary for 18 years. He joined Victor Council Jr. O. U. A. M. in 1898 and served as Councilor and Secretary for several terms. In 1896 he joined the P. O. S. of A. and was financial secretary for several years. He was also a member of the Sons of Temperance, Knights of Honor, Royal Society of Oddfellows and Rebekah Lodge, No. 618, I. O. O. F. In 1912 he was elected Overseer of the Poor in the Town of Poughkeepsie, and served seven years, also as Truant Officer District No. 1., Town of Poughkeepsie. In 1920 he was elected Village Trustee of the village, and in 1916 he was appointed a Notary Public by the Governor.

Mr. Townsend was married in 1881 to Miss Mary V. Townsend. She died January 28, 1902, leaving four children. Mrs. Edna V. Effler of New York, Harry P. Townsend of this Village, Mrs. Harriett E. Conrad and Mrs. Mary B. Fleming of Poughkeepsie. In 1911 Mr. Townsend married Mrs. Susan E. Houghtelling who died July 7, 1922. Funeral arrangements are in charge of H. H. Roseboom.