

S. D. Todd, Long Prominent Here, Dies Tuesday

Arkville Man Had Filled
Many Posts of Responsi-
bility with Ability

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Funeral Friday

Given Unusual Masonic
Emblem in Last Year.
Body in Lodge Room

Stratton D. Todd, forest ranger, banker, supervisor, man of affairs, 50 years a Mason, died at the Bassett hospital in Cooperstown early Tuesday morning. Mr. Todd had spent his entire life in Arkville and Dry Brook and was an honored individual of the illustrious family whose name he bore. He was born June 19, 1862.

Reared when wood lore was the common knowledge of all in this community he became interested in conservation and took a place with the State Conservation department. He served for 25 years as a forest ranger and was for many years chief of the Catskill mountain district and in charge of the several towers and other activities of the department in the mountains. It was through his efforts that nearly all the mountain trails throughout the Catskills were constructed.

Mr. Todd had been a Mason for over 50 years. About a year ago he was given a medal at an unusual ceremony in the Margaretville lodge to commemorate the event. Mr. Todd was supervisor of his home town of Hardenburgh for many years. He was a member of the board of directors of the Peoples National bank of this village. He had long been prominent in the affairs of the Arkville-Dry Brook-Margaretville area. He was a staunch Republican, kept alive with the affairs of the day and will be missed by a wide circle.

His body was brought to Margaretville on Wednesday and now lies in state in the Masonic lodge room in this village where it will be viewed until noon on Friday. The funeral will be held today, Friday, at 1 o'clock in the Dry Brook church. It will be under Masonic auspices.

There survive two sons, Harrison of Arkville, and Roy of Dry Brook, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Kittle of Plattekill, also two grandchildren in Dry Brook.

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