

In Memoriam

J. SEWARD WHITE, M. D.

Dr. J. SEWARD WHITE, one of the most widely known and most successful physicians and bankers in Northern New York, died June 19, 1916, at his home, 20 Main street, South Glens Falls, He had been in declining health since autumn, but it was not until early in the winter that he was obliged to give up his practice. His death is attributed to anaemia.

Dr. White was born February 2, 1857, in South Berne, Albany county, his parents being James D. White and Mary J. McClerie. He was one of five children. When a boy he moved with his parents to Albany. After a short residence there the family moved to Stuyvesant. At the age of twelve years he and his parents moved to West Township, Albany county. While residing there he attended the Albany Normal College. He graduated from the institution in 1875. After leaving the college he went to Orient Point, L. I., where he taught school for a year. At the close of the school term he went to Cornell University, where he took the A. B. course. From Cornell he went to the Albany Medical College, where he studied medicine. He was graduated in 1880 and after a short stay with his parents in West Township, where his father conducted a grocery store, Dr. White entered the office of Dr. Vander Veer in Albany. In the same year, and with small capital, Dr. White drove to South Glens Falls, where he took up the practice of medicine and where he remained until his death.

In 1882 he married Flora Sweet, daughter of the late S. Mott Sweet and Maria Sweet. By this union there were three children, Seward, Guy and Gladys, the two former having died while quite young.

During Dr. White's residence in South Glens Falls he held several town and village offices. On several occasions he was town and village health officer and also a member of the village board of trustees. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of its board of trustees.

When the movement was started to organize the First National bank in South Glens Falls Dr. White was one of the most active promoters. The bank was organized in 1891, and since that time he has been its president.

In 1902 his first wife passed away and in 1907 he married Miss Florence Luckwood of Brooklyn, by whom he is survived, with his daughter, Gladys (Mrs. Clarence William Deal) of Ausable Forks, and his mother, Mrs. James D. White.

Dr. White was affiliated with several medical associations. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Association, the Saratoga County Medical Association and the New York State Association of Sanitary Officers. For a number of years Dr. White was a member of the staff of physicians of the Glens

Falls Hospital. With Dr. Charles S. McLaughlin he performed the duties of house physician several years.

He was patron of the J. S. White Hose company, one of the most prominent hose companies in the State. A few months before his death, when the hose company held its annual fair and carnival, the firemen assembled in front of the doctor's residence and Governor Whitman opened the fair, went to the doctor's bedside and carried messages of good will from him to the fire laddies.