

DR. JOSEPH N. MURRAY

Died Jan. 24, 1951

Deaths

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Dr. Joseph N. Murray, husband of Mrs. Fannie M. (Osborn) Murray, King Street, and one of this community's older residents, died at his home last week Wednesday following a long illness.

Dr. Murray, who was born at Nashua, N. H., August 8, 1867, son of the late Nelson and Eleanor Murray, was one of the oldest practicing veterinarians in Massachusetts, and had been inspector of animals in Littleton for the past 50 years, and was, for many years, veterinary at Massachusetts reformatory, Concord. During World War 1 he was veterinary in charge at the U. S. Army Remount depot at the then Camp Devens.

Dr. Murray served the community for more than 20 years as a member of Littleton's Board of Health, and throughout his long career as a veterinary had been much interested in the Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Boston.

The deceased was a member of the First Congregational-Unitarian Church, Littleton; St. Paul lodge, AF & AM, of Ayer; Tahattawan lodge, AF & AM of Littleton, being one of the founders of Tahattawan lodge. Last year, Dr. and Mrs. Murray, who is the younger daughter of the late Dr. John Henry Osborn, 3d, of Littleton, observed their golden wedding anniversary at a public reception held at the First Congregational-Unitarian Church vestry.

Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter, Miss Hazel G. Murray of Littleton.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday, from the Unitarian Church by the pastor, Rev. E. Palmer Clarke, assisted by Rev. Joseph Sisk of Newton, a friend of the family. Organist, Mrs. N. Herman Johnson of New Estate Road. Soloist was Andrew A. McCarthy of Lowell. Ushers at the church were Walter T. Speirs of King Street and Chester T. Dolan. Representing the town of Littleton were Dr. James D. Christie, chairman of the Board of Health; Allen J. Hathaway of the town planning board, and School Committeeman Charles T. Read.

Bearers were Dr. James D. Christie, Wilbur A. Stearns, C. T. Read and William S. Platt of Leominster.

Interment was in the family lot in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton, where the Masonic burial ritual was conducted by the following: master, Chester T. Dolan, past master of Tahattawan lodge; senior warden, John W. Lymberg of Boxborough; chaplain, Rev. Robert B. Dennett of the Littleton Congregational Church and Tahattawan lodge chaplain; Past Master Phillip Andrew of Caleb Butler lodge, Ayer; Herbert D. Stearns, Maynard H. Mitchell and Harry S. Hume of Tahattawan lodge, Littleton.

Committal prayers were read by Mr. Clarke.

Arrangements were in charge of David L. Greig & Sons, funeral directors.