

# G. S. McClune Dies At Advanced Age

Well Known Citizen and Business Man—Was 88 Years Old.

Gideon C. McClune, aged 88 years, of 317 West Seneca Street, died at 4:30 o'clock this morning, having suffered for years with rheumatism, which finally went to his heart and caused death. Mr. McClune had been unconscious for several days and his death was expected.

Gideon C. McClune was born Nov. 16, 1820, in Ulysses, near the present Willow Creek station on the Lehigh Valley Railroad. He attended a log cabin schoolhouse in that vicinity and then studied in a frame building, where now stands the Ithaca High School. Mr. McClune also studied at Lima and Auburn.

Mr. McClune first came to Ithaca on April 1, 1836, and acted as clerk in a general store in North Aurora Street, owned by his father, William G. McClune. He remained with his father until he was about 22 years of age, and then embarked into a store by himself. He opened a general merchandise and grocery where P. Wall & Son's shoe store now is located.

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Ill health caused Mr. McClune to close down his business. He then went to farming for a living. He cared for a vegetable garden in East Buffalo Street. He was later an ice dealer and for ten years was the only ice dealer in Ithaca.

Later Mr. McClune went into the stone cutting business. He laid many miles of stone walks in Ithaca and remained in that business for 48 years.

Mr. McClune enlisted in the Ithaca Guards and served until in the forties. He was the surviving member of that company. He was commissioner of highways for Ithaca; was treasurer of Ithaca when a village; and, from 1883 to 1895 was treasurer of the Tompkins County Agricultural Society.

Mr. McClune leaves his wife, Mary S., two sons, F. A. McClune and J. O. McClune, both of Ithaca; and one sister, Miss Catherine McClune of Dryden. He is also survived by four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the residence. The Rev. Asa Fiske, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Interment will be in the City Cemetery.