

Orrin J Wilsey  
1849-1929

**ORRIN J. WILSEY DIED 4-11-29  
VERY SUDDENLY THURSDAY**

Death came suddenly to Orrin J. Wilsey on Thursday afternoon, April 11, 1929. He had been in failing health for several months, but the family did not realize the seriousness of his condition.

Mr. Wilsey was born in Syracuse, New York on September 8, 1849. At the age of nine years he came with his parents to Stephenson county, Illinois, and has since resided in or near Lena with the exception of eight years spent in St. Paul, Minn. He was educated here and in Rockford and later attended the University at Madison.

He was married to Nellie Howard in 1881. Grover H. Wilsey is an only child.

Orrin, as he was familiarly called by his associates, was always interested in the political and civic affairs of his town, and held many offices of trust, serving on the town board, filling the office of assessor and was postmaster for a term of four years. He also held the office of Justice of the Peace for a period of thirty years. He was a Mason for over fifty years, serving as Worshipful Master for nine years, and has always taken active part in the work of Free Masonry during his membership in the order. Through his efforts the Order of the Eastern Star was instituted in Lena.

He was a man of integrity and honor. It was known of him that he never spoke evil of any man. He is survived by his wife and son, Grover Wilsey and three grandchildren, all of New Jersey. He had many friends who are grieved to learn of his sudden demise.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Seiss, Rev. B. F. Grenoble officiating. Interment was made in the Lena cemetery, where Lena Lodge No. 174, A. F. & A. M., conducted the services at the grave.

Those from out of town that attended the funeral services of the late Orrin J. Wilsey were: Mrs. Riley Wilsey and Mr. and Mrs. Falk of Kenosha, Wis; O. E. Howard, Chadwick; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schlott, Savanna; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Seiss and son, Rockford; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boeke, Mrs. Helen Remington, Mrs. Ella Chilton and Miss Delia Howard, Freeport; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. White and daughter of Stockton.

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