

# PATRICK MOLLOY OBIT

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Patrick Molloy, the well known salt manufacturer, died at his residence in the town of Salina yesterday morning, aged seventy-six years. During his long lease of life, the deceased was one of those men whose desires it is to improve every precious moment. Death resulted from general debility, the consequences no doubt of his unusual activity.

Mr. Molloy was for fifty years a resident of this county, of the growth and prosperity of which he has been a careful watcher, and in no small degree an abettor. He was born in the county Wexford, Ireland, in 1804. Emigrating to America when not yet twenty years of age, he located in Salina, being attracted hither by the settlement of friends there. He had barely sufficient means to defray his traveling expenses, and was entirely alone in the great world. Patrick Cooney, a relative now deceased and himself, were employed in the salt boiling by several of the leading manufacturers of that time, among others Samuel R. Matthews, and Thomas McCarthy, the latter Senator McCarthy's father. By dint of economy and industry, the two young men were enabled, after several years, to go into business for themselves. They invested their earnings in a salt block, located at the foot of the second lock in the Oswego canal, before that waterway was enlarged in 1856. This partnership lasted upwards of ten years, and both realized sufficient profits to warrant an extension of their business. Year by year Mr. Molloy increased his ownership of salt

property, until he became one of the largest salt makers upon the Reservation, a prominence which he has continued to enjoy until his death. He also purchased a farm on the Brewerton plank road, which has divided his attention with salt making. Patrick Molloy, the poor emigrant, dies a man of large means, and no man was more the architect of his own fortune.

Mr. Molloy married Bridget Farrell, daughter of Richard Farrell, now residing in the First ward. He is survived by his widow, and eight children: Thomas Molloy, treasurer of the salt company; Mrs. Nicholas Pendergast, of Phoenix; Nora and Minnie Molloy; two daughters, who are nuns at the Convent of the Sacred Heart [unnamed in the obit], at Albany; Richard Molloy and James Molloy. Mr. Molloy was a Democrat in politics. His faith in that party was unbounded and no one rejoiced more in its victories or felt more keenly its reverses, than he. He was several times elected to local offices, all of which he filled with honor. He was one of the Town Commissioners in whose hands was placed the matter of bonding Salina for the Northern railroad. At the time of his death he was School Commissioner.

Mr. Molloy's death will be regretted by a wide circle of friends throughout the county of Onondaga. Particularly in the town of Salina, where he was best known, will the full blow fall heavily. No man who mingled so much with the world counted enemies by such small numbers. It is doubtful if he

leaves a single one. OF a genial, wholesome disposition, his acquaintanceship knew no end. He treated his gardener with as much candor as he would his most honored guest. He believed in education and spent his means liberally in the giving the advantages

of it to his large family. His Christianity penetrated to the bottom of his purse and he was always a cheerful giver. The world loses seriously when men of Patrick Molloy's stamp pass away.