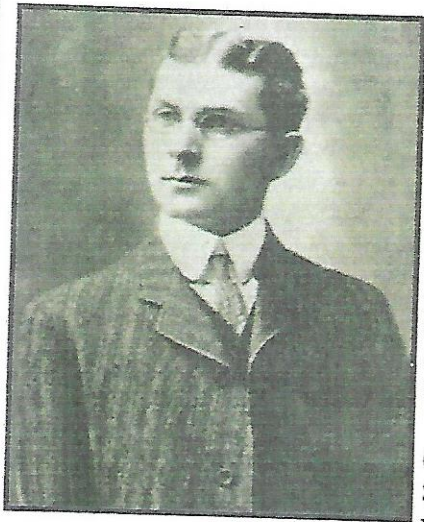


Henry A. Constantine

President of the Oneida Game Trap Company

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Henry A. Constantine was a lawyer, political leader, businessman and inventor. In combination with Albert E. "Bob" Kinsley's involvement, Constantine led the organization of the Oneida Game Trap Company and was the majority stockholder until its sale. Although not part of the Oneida Community, Constantine grew up around the Community and met Kinsley before he moved away from Sherrill. Although they did not go to the same school, Constantine was less than one year older than Kinsley and they participated in the same activities. Both had mechanical minds based on the patents each held. The main difference between the two was capital. Constantine had it while Kinsley did not.

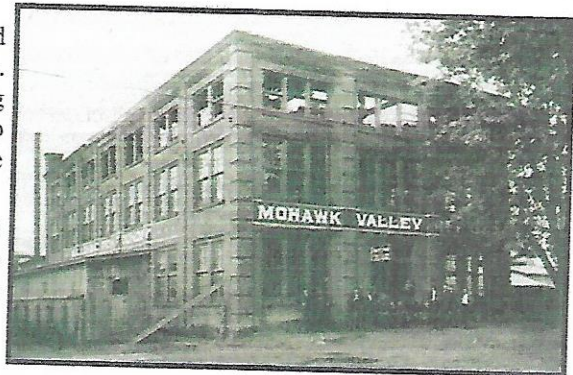
Henry A. Constantine was born in Sherrill, New York on October 6, 1876. Constantine went to the Oneida High School and then to Syracuse University. He was admitted to practice law in November of 1899. In 1901, he started practicing law in Niagara Falls. He was very active in the community and was a Grand Knight of the Niagara Falls Council along being a member of the Knights of Columbus, Niagara Falls Lodge of Elks, Niagara County Bar Association and the Niagara Falls Bar Association.

Constantine married Eleanor G. Egan at St. Mary's Church in Clinton, New York in 1905. They had an Irish background as both of their fathers were born in Ireland.

Constantine served two terms in the New York State Legislature representing the Second Assembly District of Niagara County. In 1910, he was appointed to serve on the Revision and Excise Committees. In 1911, he was re-elected and served on the Codes Committee while still on the Revision and Excise Committees. Constantine served as Deputy Corporation Counsel of Niagara Falls from 1916 to 1920. He promoted the city manager form of government and assisted with preparation of the present city charter.

After World War I, Constantine purchased the Foley-Reiger Pulp Mill in Thoroid, Ontario. He operated it for several years before selling out. Constantine held two patents for Wet Pulp Machines. Constantine also had considerable real estate holdings in Niagara Falls.

Henry A. Constantine died on April 16, 1943 at the age of 65 from a heart attack. His wife preceded him in death and he did not have any children.



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