

Warren Bristol

2/9/1878 – 1/16/1945

Plot 14 Lot NE ¼-24

Warren Bristol was born on February 9, 1878 in Argyle, NY and died in Glens Falls on January 16, 1945 at the age of 66. His parents were George and Nettie (Smith) Bristol. His wife was Lina Dickinson, who was born on December 27, 1877 and died on January 13, 1947 at the age of 69.

Their son, Millard Olan was born in 1907 and died in 1989 at age 82 yrs. He served in World War II and joined the Glens Falls fire department after returning from the War. Millard lived at the family home at 12 Wilmot St

Warren first worked for the Glens Falls Portland Cement; then for Allen Brothers Paper Company. He became a member of the Finch Hook and Ladder Company, a volunteer organization. In 1902 three major fires struck Glens Falls; the Joseph Fowler Shirt and collar, the High School on Glen and Union Streets and the John D Fox Store on Glen Street. In June 1903 the Village began the Glens Falls Fire Department with Warren Bristol being one of the first paid members of the eleven member brigade.

The fire department had two firehouses from very early on. One was next to City Hall on Ridge Street and the other on South Street near the Madden Hotel. Warren worked for the department for forty-one years. Twenty-one of those years he served as the Fire Marshal and inspector. On 2/12/1909 he fell thirty feet while fighting a fire at the Joubert and White Carriage factory on Warren Street. Many early photos of Glens Falls fires and of the fire department staff were taken by Mr. Bristol who was an amateur photographer.



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