

Mark J. Balmat

One of the progressive young business men of Hermon is Mark J. Balmat, who is also postmaster. He was born at Fullerville, St. Lawrence County, March 19, 1898, the son of Frank L. and Bertha M. (Jones) Balmat.

Frank L. Balmat, who died Aug. 5, 1929, was a representative citizen and substantial business man of Hermon. He was born at Fullerville and as a young man clerked in the store of Charles Carr. Later he purchased the business and also owned a hotel at Fullerville. He disposed of his interests there in 1906 and at that time purchased the general mercantile establishment of J. B. Ryel, at Hermon. He was actively identified with that enterprise until his death, and was also owner and proprietor of the hotel here. Mr. Balmat was a Democrat, a member of the Episcopal Church, and belonged to Richville Lodge, F. and A. M., and B. P. O. Elks, No. 772. Bertha M. (Jones) Balmat was born at Carthage, N. Y. Since the death of her husband she has continued his business interests at Hermon. She is

Past Matron of Hermon Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and Past District Deputy. To Mr. and Mrs. Balmat were born three children: 1. Lewis, deceased. 2. Margaret. 3. Mark J., the subject of this sketch.

Mark J. Balmat attended the public schools of Fullerville and Hermon, being a member of the graduating class of 1918 at Hermon High School. He also attended St. Lawrence University and during the World War was a member of the Student Army Training Corps. He is a graduate of Central City Business College, and for a time clerked in the First National Bank of Hermon. In 1920 he became associated with his father's business and has been manager of the store since 1921. He has held the office of postmaster since 1923.

In 1920 Mr. Balmat was united in marriage with Miss Anita Nadon, the daughter of Richard and Eva Nadon, natives of Buckingham, Ont. They live at Hermon. Mr. and Mrs. Balmat have a son, John.

Mr. Balmat holds membership in the Episcopal Church and belongs to the Masonic Lodge and American Legion. Politically he is a Republican. He also belongs to the New York State League of District Postmasters and National League of District

Postmasters.