

JOSEPH WARREN MARSH.

In the passing of Mr. Joseph Warren Marsh the town of Gilmanton loses an old and respected resident. The oldest inhabitant of this place cannot remember when he was not well-known among them. His death seems like the removal of an old landmark. Mr. Marsh was a blacksmith, following in this the vocation of both his father and grandfather. The grandfather, Joseph Marsh, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. He with his brother Noah were the first settlers in the town of Gilmanton. He built his blacksmith shop in 1780, which is the identical building that is now standing on High street, Gilmanton Iron Works, and which is now used for the same purpose by his great grandson, Willis B. Marsh. The same shop has thus witnessed the labors of four generations of blacksmiths, and is said to be the oldest blacksmith shop in New England.

Joseph Warren was the son of Amos Marsh, and was born Feb. 18, 1824. He went into the shop with his father when only a boy of fourteen, and for more than 70 years worked at his trade under the same roof. He always made it a point to do his work well, and being exceptionally skillful in applying his trade work was brought to him from a distance of many miles. He was one of the most obliging of men and ready at any time to inconvenience himself to accommodate a patron. He was a good townsman, honest, straightforward and upright, possessing the moral fiber which men have who make up the backbone of a community. Twice he has served his townspeople as their representative in the state legislature, fulfilling that office with credit to himself and his town. He was always quiet and unobtrusive, but of sterling worth.

During the last few weeks of his life he suffered intensely, owing to the aggravating nature of his disease. It is noteworthy how patiently and bravely he endured it all.

His suffering, however, was made much easier to bear through the kind ministrations of his son Willis and of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Marsh, who cared for him so constantly and faithfully and administered to him every possible comfort. But on Wednesday, Sept. 15, relief came and he passed to his rest.

The funeral services were held at the home Saturday at 1:30 p. m., Rev. F. N. Saltmarsh officiating. Two hymns, "Rock of Ages" and "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," were rendered by Mrs. F. N. Saltmarsh and Mrs. Lucy Page, while the many beautiful flowers seemed as tokens of the love and respect which he bore from the many friends and relatives. Interment was in Pine Grove cemetery.

Mr. Marsh outlived his wife by 14 years, and is survived by one brother, Charles, of Greenfield, N. H., three sons, Charles W. of Concord, Willis B. and Erskine H. of Gilmanton Iron Works, and five grandchildren.

GILMANTON IRON WORKS.

At noon Sunday, the spirit of Mrs. Adaline Marsh passed from earth to the eternal. Her age was 68 years. She had been the helpful companion of her husband for 48 years, living and dying in the same house. She was the daughter of Gardner T. Barker. She leaves a husband, Joseph W. Marsh, three sons, Charles W. and Erskine H., of this village, and Willis B. Marsh of Academy village, and a brother Col. Thomas E. Barker of Malden, Mass. She was a member of the congregational church. Poor health for years had obliged her to be retiring in her associations, yet to her intimate friends her sociableness and pleasant ways have been most agreeable. She made all the arrangements for her funeral which is to be of a private character, with the Rev. J. C. Osgood of Alton, officiating clergyman.