

## Death.

The funeral service of Frank A. Patch took place at the Unitarian church on Thursday afternoon and was attended by many relatives and friends. The beautiful floral tributes gave testimony to the esteem in which he was held by all. Rev. John H. Wilson pastor of the Unitarian church, officiated. The bearers were Robert Whitney, Errol Locke, Kelsey Reed of Lexington and Joseph Lovejoy of Littleton. Burial was in the family lot in Westlawn cemetery. Before the church service the bell on the Unitarian church, of which Mr. Patch was a devoted member, was tolled.

Frank Abbott Patch was born in Boxborough in 1844, the only son surviving maturity of Jonathan Wetherbee Patch and his wife, Rosella Josephine Tarbell, both of Littleton. His father died while Frank was a boy. As he was the second born of five, the constant familiarity with sorrow and loss as one by one they all died, developed in the lad a serious and thoughtful disposition.

Subsequently his mother married Orman Ewings of Boston, a widower with a family, by whom she had two children; one of them, Miss Henrietta Ewings, is with us today. Mr. Ewings, retiring from the wholesale grocery business, came to Littleton to live.

Mr. Patch attended the Littleton and Boxborough schools, Lawrence academy in Groton and the academy at New Ipswich. In 1868 he married Sarah Sophia Lawrence of Harvard, who died, childless, in 1916, since when he and his devoted sister have made their home together.

He lived five years of his early manhood in New York city, where he taught school, but his health, none too vigorous, brought him back to the country of his birth. Later he was for several years partner in a manufacturing business employing from 200 to 500 hands, in which no strike ever occurred. Very early in the nineteenth century he was elected deacon of the Unitarian church in Littleton, where he faithfully served

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