

OBITUARY.—Tuesday afternoon Edward E. Fletcher died at his home of apoplexy. He had been in failing health for quite a while, but only confined to the bed a few days in the care of a good nurse. Mr. Fletcher was the third son of Eleazar and Rebecca Kimball Fletcher. He was born on the home place now owned by Elmer Flagg, and was aged 73 yrs. 6 mos.

His early life was passed in this town, but later he engaged in the grain and lumber business with his brothers—Sherman and George, in Harvard. This continued for fourteen years. About twenty-six years ago, he again made a home for his family in this town, and with the exception of one year spent at the Center, his home has been at the common, in the house where he breathed his last on Tuesday. Of an energetic and courageous disposition, no one knew of failing health, but the immediate members of his family, and to them the truth was hidden as long as possible. A three weeks' stay at the Massachusetts general hospital lately revealed his condition, and although all realized his illness was serious, hardly any one prepared for the sudden end. Illness, trouble brought about by other complications was the cause of his death.

A kind, fond husband and father, his interests were always centered in his home, and here, as well as in the whole neighborhood he will be greatly missed. Of quick, warm impulses, he was ever ready to give the helping hand, and to many who are still mindful of such kindnesses, his memory will be green while life lasts. He is survived by a wife and five children, three sons and two daughters, also one sister, Mrs. P. S. Whitcomb, and three brothers, George, Sherman, and Charles, the latter at present in Los Angeles, Cal.

His funeral was held at his late home Friday afternoon.

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