

[Bassett, Cyrus Abel]

CANTON
CYRUS ABEL BASSETT

DIED: At his home in this village, on Wednesday evening, March 7th, of Peritonitis, Cyrus A. Bassett, aged nearly 57 years.

Rarely has the community been more shocked than when on Wednesday evening it was learned that Cyrus Bassett had passed away. The fact that he had been on the street the previous Friday, apparently in the most vigorous health, and that many did not know even of his sickness, made it almost unbelievable that the sad tidings could be true.

Cyrus Abel Bassett was born in this village in the house now occupied by Moses Tuttle, April 13, 1843. He was the only son of Elijah and Harriet Rice Bassett. On October 23d, he was married to Miss Mina Hibbard, who survives him. With the exception of a few years in West Potsdam, he has always lived in Canton and was a familiar figure on the streets. A remark made by one of his friends that he had not an enemy in the world, was well attested at his funeral, which was one of the largest ever attended in this place. In religious faith he was a Universalist and a regular attendant at the Universalist church, of most exemplary character, a good citizen and in all business dealings thoroughly upright. Of most even and kindly disposition, it is doubtful whether he ever cherished an ill feeling toward any human being. It is a comforting remembrance with the writer that during very close business relations with him for twelve years not one unpleasant word ever passed between us. He was a member of St. Lawrence Lodge, F.& A.M., No. 111, the members of which in large numbers attended his funeral and performed their impressive service at his grave. The services at the house were conducted by Prof. L. B. Fisher, whose appreciation of the great affliction and kindly words greatly comforted the family. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Arthur, and one sister, Mrs. J. M. Payson, of this village, all of whom are comforted by their faith that the good Father will direct all to a wise and beneficent issue.

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