

[Folsom, Jerome C.]

Community Mourns Death of Jerome C. Folsom

WINTHROP—Jerome C. Folsom, 78, passed away at his Massena Street home at 1:40 p.m. Wednesday, after a five days' illness of pneumonia. He was one of seven children born above Parishville, near Stark, to David L. and Esther Lilly Folsom.

He was born March 18, 1854. Two of the children passed away in infancy. A brother, Alfred, passed away in Minnesota in 1913. A brother, George, died in Brookdale, Jan. 17, 1931. A sister, Mrs. Delia Wilcox, died in the J. C. Folsom home in 1924, and a sister, Mrs. Nellie Morrison, resides in Canton.

His father and mother were from Turnbridge and Shorem, Vt., and were sturdy pioneer stock, for which Vermont was famous at that time. Soon after Jerome was born the family moved to a farm near Holmes Hill, in the Wires School district, which school he attended when he was four years old.

Several of his school mates, at this time are still living. In the fall of 1862, David Folsom moved his family to the Amos Matthews farm, near West Stockholm, which he purchased one year later. The sons were brought up to work, and Jerome was doing a man's work at the age of 16.

He remained on the farm until 1873, attending the district school, when work would allow. In March of that year he went to Athol, Mass., and worked in the furniture factory for Drury and Allen.

The panic of that year sent him home the next January. The balance of the year he did carpenter work.

On October 10, 1874, Mr. Folsom married Frances Taylor of West Stockholm. She was one of 13 children of John and Elizabeth Rice Taylor. The ceremony was performed at the Taylor home by Rev. E. C. Danforth of the local Methodist Church.

For one year the couple carried on the Lemuel Culver farm near the Folsom home. On April 17, 1876 they started for Mankato, Minn., where Mr. Folsom took charge of a butter packing house, which his brother Alfred owned.

The butter was shipped to commission merchants in New York and Philadelphia. Two children, Elmer and Edith, were born in Mankato, both passing away when about two years old. Gertrude, now Mrs. Edwin DeLaney of Bay Shore, Long Island, was also born in the western city.

The couple remained in Minnesota until December, 1883, when they returned to the West Stockholm farm home. The following spring the family came to Winthrop, where they have since resided. A son Roy M., now assistant postmaster, of Winthrop, and a daughter Dora, wife of Ralph O. Stearns, were born to the couple.

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Mr. Folsom was an expert carpenter and there are many buildings to his credit. Among them is the M. T. Hammill furniture store, corner Main and Massena Streets, the B. J. Crowley, Charles Jones, Ralph Stearns [homes] and his own private home. He also assisted in the building of the local Congregational Church.

The Saranac Lake, Saranac Inn, Tupper Lake Junction, and Childwold Railway depots are also his work. He was a general merchant in the "Union Block" for 30 years, and was noted for his honesty and square dealing with the public. [On] January 1, 1923 he sold his mercantile business to his son Roy and Lorne S. Green, and the following summer he built the large lumber house on Massena Street, now operated by William F. Anderson and son of Potsdam. Ill health caused Mr. Folsom to give up his work in the summer of 1931, and he has been a sufferer from sinus trouble and eczema since.

Mrs. Folsom passed away at her Winthrop home Oct. 5, 1929. Mr. Folsom has been alone much of the time since, his daughter, Mrs. Stearns going to the home each day to care for him.

Mr. Folsom was a life long Republican, an Odd Fellow and a member of the local Universalist Church.

Besides his sister and three children, he leaves one grandchild, Frederick P., son of Roy and Ada McBath Folsom, nine nephews: Arthur Folsom of Minneapolis, David Folsom (4th) of Castle Rock, Minn., Clayton Folsom of Phoenix, Ariz., Maynard Morrison of Locke, N.Y., Carl Folsom of Gabriels, N. Y., Rev. Milo G. Folsom, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Pittsfield, Maine, Rupert and Orin Brown of Winthrop, Guy Jones of Watertown and four nieces, Mrs. Reba Brown Rice of Winthrop, Mrs. Fannie Sanborn of Manchester, N.H., Mrs. Isabelle Taylor Hoferagle of New York, Mrs. Alice Taylor Ferrin of Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont, and Mrs. Bertha Folsom Marsh of Winthrop, besides several grand nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Delaney arrived Thursday morning from Bay Shore.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Universalist Church with Dr. J. M. Atwood of Canton officiating. Interment in the Winthrop Cemetery.

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