

[Foote, George Leonard]

BRIDGEWATER

—George Leonard Foote, a prominent farmer and life-long resident of this place, died Sunday afternoon May 10. He was born November 24, 1840, one of three children of Leonard and Hannah Clarke Foote. Mr. Foote was a descendant of Nathaniel Foote, who came over in the Mayflower, and of Rear Admiral Foote of revolutionary fame. His ancestor, Epathrodipus [Epaphroditus] Foote, was one of the earliest settlers of Bridgewater. His frontier cabin was built near the site of the present Foote farm house. His marriage with Aurelia Johnson took place March 17, 1863, whose death occurred 10 years ago [on 10 Feb 1905]. Since that time he had lived in the village with his only child, Anna, who is Mrs. E. M. Rising. There is also one grandchild, Gladys Esther Rising. Mr. Foote was a Republican in politics, but never sought office. He was an attendant at the Universalist church, and a helpful member of the choir. Mr. Foote was a very liberal man, and when winter comes many families will miss his generous gifts of coal and groceries. Mr. Foote and his wife were both blessed with generous natures, and were ever seeking to be helpful to those about them. Many homeless ones found shelter in their home, and some were cared for to the end of their days. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Rising. Rev. De Witt Lamphear of the Universalist Church will officiate.

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