

[French, Daniel W.]

DANIEL W. FRENCH DIED EARLY TO-DAY
Prominent New Harford Contractor Succumbed Early To-Day
His Grandfather Was One of First Settlers

Daniel W. French, one of New Hartford's most prominent citizens, passed away this morning at 3:40 o'clock at his home, 8 Hartford terrace. He had been ill for the past three months with heart trouble, which caused his death.

Mr. French was born in New Hartford, a son of the late John and Almira French, 73 years ago last March. He was educated there and was a graduate of the New Hartford High School. For a number of years he was employed as a ship builder in the navy yards at Brooklyn, but most of his life had been spent in his native town, where for 30 years past he was well known as a contractor and builder of ability. Among the many buildings the construction of which he supervised, and which stand as a memorial to the deceased, are the stone factory mill and the Capron cotton mill.

For years Mr. French served the town of New Hartford as road commissioner, and as such he performed his duties in the most capable manner. He was a staunch Republican and was a member of the Universalist Church. His wife, who was formerly Anna Pryor, passed away eight years ago.

His grandfather John French and Jedediah Sanger were the first settlers of New Hartford, and the former's farm extended from the Capron road on the westerly side of New Hartford to the site now occupied by the State Hospital.

Daniel French was one of a family of nine children, three of whom survive. The other six were all over 64 years of age at the time of their deaths. A brother, William, died recently at the age of 82 years. He was for a long time a Justice of the Peace in New Hartford. James D., one of the surviving brothers, is past 90 years of age and was at one time connected with the county clerk's office in this city.

The following sons and daughters survive: Mrs. A. B. Remmer of Utica, Mrs. Robert Hillock of Syracuse, T. J. French of Boston, Mrs. A. M. Peterson of Poland [Herkimer Co. NY], Miss Louise French and William French of New Hartford. Five grandchildren, two brothers, James G. French of Newport and Henry C. French of New Hartford; [and] a sister, Mrs. Abigail Prendergast of New Hartford, also survive.

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