

[Gifford, William]

DEATH OF WM. GIFFORD.—Many of the friends of Wm. Gifford will not be surprised to hear that he died on Saturday afternoon, for his health had been failing for a considerable time, and for a week or more just past, his condition was deemed hopeless by his physician and friends. Mr. Gifford expired about half-past 3 P.M. on Saturday, at his residence, 37 Franklin street.

Deceased was well known to the people of Rochester, where he had resided for nearly 30 years, and to the traveling public with whom he came in contact as a conductor. He has been for the past twenty years or more employed on the Central Railroad, chiefly as conductor. His route has been between this city and Syracuse, on the Canandaigua and Auburn Road. In the performance of his duty as a conductor he was always successful, enjoying in the highest degree the confidence of the company, and securing the respect of the public by his deportment. In his relations with his fellow citizens, he was no less fortunate. His genial temper and natural flow of good humor made him a favorite with all. His death will cause general sorrow, and he will be missed by his old associates on the road and elsewhere, as one that they cannot easily spare.

Mr. Gifford was a native of Vermont, and aged 49 years. He leaves a widow [Sarah] and one son [William H.]—a lad of about sixteen—who are entitled to sympathy, as they are bereft of a kind companion and true friend.

The funeral of Mr. Gifford will take place on Tuesday, P.M., at the Universalist Church. It will be attended by the Railroad men, who will pay the last rites to their old companion with feelings of sincere sorrow.

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