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Rites for Edward Grimble, 92, Well Known in Area, Saturday

East Bloomfield—Edward Grimble, an old and well known resident of the East Bloomfield and Bristol areas, died early last Wednesday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harley R. Patterson, 228 West Gibson st., Canandaigua. Mr. Grimble was 92.

Funeral services were held at 2 Saturday afternoon from the Wheeler funeral home in this village with the Rev. Harry Wright, pastor emeritus of the Bristol Universalist church, officiating. Burial was in the family plot in East Bloomfield cemetery.

Mr. Grimble enjoyed good health and his death came unexpectedly from a coronary thrombosis. He had enjoyed spending his winters in Canandaigua with his daughter for the past several years.

Mr. Grimble lived always in the Bloomfield-Bristol area where he was well known for his activity as a farmer and a saw mill operator. He was born at the family home in the western part of the town of East Bloomfield on October 1, 1860. He was the son of James and Nancy Huff Grimble.

His father was a crew member of sailing ships on both the Atlantic and the Great Lakes. After 20 years of sea and lake service, he came into the town of East Bloomfield and purchased the home farm.

Edward Grimble was one of eight children—five daughters and three sons. Two of Mr. Grimble's sisters survive, both now in advanced years—Mrs. Carrie M. Beyea, Canandaigua, and Mrs. Minnie G. Kelly of Elmira.

On Feb. 15, 1888, Mr. Grimble married Miss Hattie M. Nudd, a member of one of the town's old families. Mrs. Grimble died in 1897, leaving a young family of four children, two of whom are surviving, Mrs. Patterson in Canandaigua and Howard Grimble of South Bloomfield. Two sons, Elmer and John, are dead.

During much of his long life Mr. Grimble was active as an owner and operator of saw mills. For ten years, 1890 to 1900, he was in partnership with Leonard Goodall of Bristol and in 1900 he began private operations with his mill located on the home farm in South Bloomfield, now owned by his son, Howard Grimble. In 1911 he purchased of Acey W. Sutherland of Canandaigua the former George A. Wheeler farm, a distinctive colonial type property with a fine woodland, and continued ownership until a few years ago.

Mr. Grimble's activity as a saw mill operator is largely forgotten work today. Mr. Grimble, often accompanied by his son, Howard, would move through the area with his steam traction engine to locations where farmers wanted a barn built and would cut and fit the lumber. At the same time he

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would cut logs for farmers throughout that immediate neighborhood. He also owned several sizeable wood lots in the area.

He achieved a considerable reputation as the maker of barrel head pulling high grade basswood lumber to coopers in Victor, Honeoye Falls, Newark and other places. The making of apple and flour barrels was big business in the early years of this century in this section.

Mr. Grimble's survivors include his son and daughter, Howard grimble and Mrs. Patterson two granddaughters and his two sisters, Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Beyea.

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