

[Johnson, Frank A.]

FRANK A. JOHNSON

The death of our editorial brother, Frank A. Johnson, of the Bay Shore Journal, has caused a feeling of sadness in the hearts of every one belonging to the editorial fraternity of Suffolk County. To us it brings a special feeling of sorrow because of Mr. Johnson's long connection with this paper before entering upon the duties of editor and publisher in his own behalf. The deceased was the son of Samuel and Sarah Johnson and descended from good old Revolutionary stock. He was born in this village Aug. 19th, 1854. During his early life he lived with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. White, in his early childhood at Moriches, and later in this village on their removal here. He attended the Huntington Union School, and after leaving that came into the LONG-ISLANDER office when about 15 years of age. Shortly after our taking the paper on Jan. 1st, 1875, Mr. Johnson was trusted with the foremanship of the office and worked here for about eight or nine years, after which he entered the company of J. J. Little & Co., of New York; and turning to this town, purchased the Northport Journal of Benjamin Robbins in 1884. He conducted the paper at that village for two or three years, after which he removed to Bay Shore, changing the name of the paper to the Bay Shore Journal. He continued conducting a successful and prosperous business there up to the time of his death. A short time ago he celebrated the tenth anniversary of his entrance upon editorial duties in connection with the journal. On Jan. 2d, 1882, he was married to Miss Mary E. Stanwood of Philadelphia, and she has been a faithful and devoted partner to him amid all his joys and sorrows.

The deceased was a young man of strong and marked traits of character, very positive in his convictions and the expression of his opinions and was a stout fighter in whatever line he considered his path of duty. He was an ardent Republican and always upheld the principles of the party in the columns of the Journal. In his religious belief he was a member of the Universalist Church and always took an active interest in its affairs. His funeral services were held in the First Universalist Church of this village on Thursday and were attended by a sincere company of mourners, including a large delegation of Odd Fellows.

He took great pride in his paper and worked early and late for its success. He was generous to a fault, willing to assist others when called upon to do so. There is little doubt that by his incessant labors and continued application to business he hastened the effects of the disease which finally resulted in his death. He leaves behind a family of three children and a devoted wife to mourn his loss. To his family and his brothers we extend our sincere sympathy in their bereavement. The stroke of affliction has fallen often upon the latter in the past few years, and as the survivors draw closer together in the bonds of fraternal sympathy we trust they may find stronger hope in the joys of the hereafter than in any prospect that earth can offer.

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