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DEATH OF ONE OF OUR MOST RESPECTED CITIZENS.

Passed Away at His Home Last Thursday Morning—Was a Life Long Resident of the Village, and Always Closely Identified With the Best Interests of Frankfort—Funeral to Take Place Today—Business Places to be Closed.

Surely in the midst of life we are in death. Never was this more apparent than on Thursday morning when our entire community was saddened by the news that Aaron V. Joslin, long one of the leading citizens and business men had passed away. Mr. Joslin was born in the town of Frankfort, on a farm about two miles south of this village, in 1836. His younger years were spent on a farm but being a close student he applied himself to such studies as fitted him for teaching, which profession he followed for two years. He attended school at Elbridge, then at Fairfield and prepared himself for the mercantile life in which soon after leaving school he embarked.

In April 1857, he commenced business at the corner of Main and Litchfield streets in this village, the present location of the Joslin block, and for 47 years, with scarcely a vacation, he was found attending strictly to business matters, and while others sought rest and recreation at other places, he took the most pleasure in following the course he had laid out for himself. The deceased was a public spirited citizen and everything that was intended for the benefit of his native town met with his hearty approval and co-operation. During the war of the rebellion he held the position of postmaster which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of its many patrons. He has served as village trustee, and it has been said by those who acted with him that in all matters where the interests of the village were at stake, he gave them generous approval and unstinted support. As president of Oak View Cemetery Association, which position he filled at the time of his death, he took a deep and abiding interest in it, and nothing pleased him more than to know and realize that this important subject was receiving the attention from others it so richly deserved.

For many years he was treasurer of the Universalist church of which he was a devoted member and where his work and influence has so long been felt and appreciated. In whatever work he was engaged, and whatever trust was reposed to his care and keeping he was loyal always and no cloud ever rested on his character or stained his business career, and now that the day book and ledger of his life work are closed and balanced there will be nothing to erase or change. His work is done and well done. Death has but touched his hand and heart, and he has laid down his work and gone home. He was ready and did not fear the change. An even temper and a just spirit ruled him and gave him a contented lot and hopeful disposition. He has written his own message among those who have known him so long and so well. It will bear the light of investigation and the scrutiny of all. Surely, if

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anything lives forever, the qualities of mind and heart which characterized the life of Mr. Joslin, will be immortal, and long will his memory be cherished.

In September 1859, Mr. Joslin married Harriet Bridenbecker, after whose death some years later, he was united in marriage to Sarah A. Adams, in Sept. 1875. His entire wedded life was happy, and being possessed of a domestic nature, he found his most pleasure in his own home circle with the members of his family. He leaves surviving his widow and two children, Mrs. Robert C. [Nellie] Strachan of Brooklyn and Lindley A. Joslin of this village; one brother, Frank W. Joslin, editor of the Troy Record; three sisters, Miss Martha, Flora Horton of Brooklyn and Miss Julia M. of Troy.

About one year ago Mr. Joslin disposed of his mercantile business to Wm. Wayne and soon thereafter went, with his wife, to Brooklyn to spend a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. Strachan, but had been there but a short time when he suffered a stroke of paralysis which continued for four months, when he was able to return to his home and has been able to be about the village during the past summer and seemed in a fair way to recover. But last week Friday at midnight he suffered another stroke more severe than the first and from which he never rallied. All that medical skill and tender and loving care could do was done but they proved of no avail and at 9:25 o'clock on Wednesday evening he passed away and life's struggle was ended.

Some time before his death he expressed a wish that when the end came the rooms at his home should give no sign that the grim messenger of death had been there and that the curtains be kept raised and the sunlight be admitted, and no evidence that it was a house of mourning. In this his wishes were respected.

The funeral services will be attended from his late home at 3 o'clock this afternoon, the Rev. E. Alice Bradley, pastor of the Universalist church officiating. All business places will be closed during the time of the funeral. The business men's floral offering will be fine and most appropriate. Members of the family will act as bearers and with tender and loving hands lay at rest the remains of a true and noble man. It is well, yes it is well with Aaron V. Joslin. In his home where there are "many mansions" he awaits those left behind, when the final and happy reunion takes place.

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