

[Lankton, Francis "Frank"]

Francis Lankton Died this Morning
Father of John G. Lankton of Lankton & Crocker
Had been in Failing Health for Some Time.

Francis Lankton father of John G. Lankton of Lankton & Crocker, Veteran of the Civil War and postmaster of Gravesville for 41 years, died this morning at his home, 1111 Howard Avenue, after many months of failing health. Mr. Lankton had been a resident of this city for five years.

Born in Russia, May 12, 1841, the son of John B and Caroling Shove Lankton, he lived in that village until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Company C of the One Hundred and Twenty-First Regiment of New York State Volunteers. At the end of three months of service he was stricken with a sunstroke and a serious illness developed. He was discharged after a long sickness and came to Gravesville, where he entered the employ of Henry Bills, who conducted a general store and undertaking establishment. In 1875, he purchased the store and conducted it until 1909. During his many years of residence in Gravesville he was one of the best known men of that town, prominent in its Republican politics and postmaster.

He was the oldest member of Remsen Lodge No 677, F & A.M. having joined it in 1849. In this city he was a member of the Universalist Church. He was married to Harriet Graves, who survives him with one son, John G., one brother John B. of Newport, and three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Ames of Floyd, Mrs. A.E. Schineman of Canajoharie, and Miss Sarah Lankton of Herkimer.

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