

[Lovecraft, John Full]

Death of John F. Lovecraft

For some weeks past the friends of our well-known citizen, John F. Lovecraft, have been aware of his serious illness, and gradually the painful conviction has gained ground that he could not recover. This morning death came to the relief of the sufferer, who peacefully passed away at his residence, No. 8 Marshall street. His malady was an affliction of the heart. Mr. Lovecraft was born in Devonshire, England in 1806 and was therefore 71 years of age. He came to this country in 1835 and located in this city. Being a carpenter and joiner by trade he made that his occupation, and at that early stage of our city's growth he naturally occupied the position of one of our most useful artisans. As the resources of invention came to increase the facilities in his line of work he was not slow to take advantage of them, and the result was his engaging in the planing business he has continuously carried on for 29 years—first on Water street, then on Warehouse, and at the time of his decease on what is known as "The Island," opposite Mt. Hope avenue. In this, as well as in many other ways, public and private, Mr. Lovecraft has been one of our most industrious and useful citizens. He was a man of strict integrity and open handed generosity. He married soon after his arrival in this city, the lady of his choice (who survives him) being like himself a native of England, and from the same locality. Three children also survive him—one son, Sidney J. Lovecraft, and two daughters, Mrs. N. S. [Rhoda Ellen] Phelps and Mrs. John [Josephine] Jordan. Thus one by one those who have been identified with the growth of our city, from about the time of its incorporation, when its dimensions were decidedly unpretentious, down to the time of its present prosperity, are steadily passing away, and the succeeding generations begin to realize how much they owe to the industry, frugality, and determination of that sturdy stock that preceded them.

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