

[Newton, John]

Death Takes John Newton in Holcomb

Holcomb—John Newton, 83, village clerk, former postmaster and for the past 42 years a resident of Holcomb, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in his home in Main Street Saturday morning.

Last descendant of a pioneer family of Bristol, he was born in that town on Feb. 27, 1858, the son of the late Darius and Mary Simmons Newton. On Jan. 8, 1890, he was married in that place to Lida Thomas, and in 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Newton observed their 50th anniversary.

All his life he had been interested in farming, keeping up his activity in that field until his death. He was well known in this part of Western New York State as a wool buyer. He also had been engaged in a livery establishment had bought produce and for a number of years was operator of a general merchandise store, in partnership with the late Walter G. Bridgland in Holcomb. For 12 years, under Republican administration appointments, he was postmaster of Holcomb, and in recent years and at the time of his death he was clerk of the Holcomb Village Board.

A lover of horseflesh, he had owned fine horses from his youth until the advent of the automobile in recent years had forced him to give up the animals for the more convenient way of travel. Each fall he attended all harness races at the various fairs in this part of the state.

Mrs. Newton, the widow, is the only near survivor. The late Isaac Newton, Cleveland philanthropist, was a brother of John Newton and left numerous bequests to the churches of Bristol and the Evergreen Cemetery of Bristol, especially for the "Newton mound," the family burial plot, where Mr. Newton will be buried.

Funeral was to be held at 3:30 p.m. today in the Newton home, Main Street. The Rev. Harry M. Wright, pastor of the Universalist Church of Bristol, was to officiate.

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