

[Sanford, Rollin J.]

R. J. SANFORD PASSES AWAY  
Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time

Rollin J. Sanford, well known resident of Eastern St. Lawrence County, died about ten o'clock Thursday evening, June 19th, at his home on Chestnut street. Mr. Sanford had been in poor health for over two years and had spent the past winter in Florida. His health improved and he had started to return home when he was taken ill again. The journey was continued after two weeks and Mr. Sanford reached home on June 7th. His condition continued precarious and death finally came suddenly from heart failure.

Mr. Sanford was born in Hopkinton, July 29, 1864, the son of Rollin O. and Ermina Roberts Sanford. His father Rollin O. Sanford died at Andersonville Prison, Georgia, the day Mr. Sanford was born.

His early life was spent at Hopkinton and Fort Jackson. He attended the Normal at Potsdam for a brief time but trouble with his sight made it necessary for him to give up his course. A little later re-entered the Chittenden store at Hopkinton, where he clerked for about five years. In 1880 he purchased the Royal Eastman place facing the park in the village of Hopkinton and also the Lyd Brook Creamery which he operated for about four years. In 1891 he became associated with the Vermont Farm Machinery Company and traveled for them as general agent for the Eastern States for about fifteen years. Mr. Sanford came to Potsdam in 1899 and in 1906 purchased the shoe business which he owned at the time of his death.

Mr. Sanford was very active in Masonic circles. He was past High Priest of St. Lawrence Chapter No. 24, [and] Past Commander of St. Lawrence Commandery No. 28 Knights Templars. He was a member of Media Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Watertown. He was especially interested in the Council of Royal and Select Masters, having organized the Potsdam Council in 1921. He was a member of the Potsdam Grange, Potsdam Sons of Veterans and for several years a trustee of the First Universalist Church of Potsdam. Mr. Sanford was a member of the Municipal Water Board of Potsdam for several years and an ardent worker for Spring Water for Potsdam. He organized the West Stockholm Dairy Corporation of West Stockholm.

Mr. Sanford was a man of innumerable friends and was respected by all who knew him for his earnestness and straightforwardness. He was undeniably self-made. From the age of ten he took care of himself and assisted in the care of his mother. Nature was kind and endowed him with great bodily strength. His battles of necessity builded for him a character and personality which made service to others a pleasure.

Mr. Sanford married Miss Marium Miller of Port Jackson on August 28, 1884. She survives him together with two sons, Howard R. and Carlton M., both of Potsdam. A sister, Mrs. Lillian S. Newell, of Cantocook, N. H. also survives.

Funeral services were held at the home on Sunday afternoon at 3 and were very largely attended. The services were in charge of St. Lawrence Commandery Knights Templars. Interment was made in Bayside cemetery.

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