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### BENJAMIN P. SHERMAN EXPIRES

Canton Boy, Long Resident In Boston—Last Visit to Canton Three Years Ago

Benjamin Paige Sherman died in Boston Friday, as the result of heart trouble. He was born in Canton seventy-one years ago and lived here as a young man, but after he went to Boston he seldom returned to Canton.

Mr. Sherman's parents were Dr. Ransom R. Sherman and Elizabeth Paige Sherman, Dr. Sherman being a partner in the drug business in Canton with the late Dr. Conkey under the firm name of Conkey & Sherman. Dr. Conkey had married Miss Mary Paige and Dr. Sherman had married her sister, Miss Elizabeth Paige. Ben, as he was known in Canton, and J. Stanley Ellsworth and the late George S. Conley were boyhood chums. They together attended a school run by a Mrs. Hutchins on Chapel street next to the Methodist church. They then went to the Grammar School together and then entered the old Canton Academy, and in 1878 Ben entered St. Lawrence University, in the class of 1883. Fate willed that both boys should leave college under similar conditions. Ben had not been in college long when his father died and he was obliged to leave college and go into the store. It was not long after that the elder Conkey died and George Conkey was obliged to give up his college course and also go into the store. Arrangements were made so that George took command of the business and Ben acted as clerk.

After a few years Ben bought a little drug business in Richville, which he ran only a year or two when opportunity offered and he went to Boston to accept a position in the Hinckley cordage establishment. This position he held until Mr. Hinckley sold out the business[,] when he went into the bond house of Pearmain & Brooks, a position he held for many years, which he resigned to take a position with the Merchants National Bank of Boston, which he held until his health failed him, these three jobs being the only ones held by him after leaving Canton.

Three years ago Mr. Conkey drove to Boston and visited his friend and cousin, and the two returned to Canton in leisurely manner, where Mr. Sherman spent several weeks visiting old scenes and friends. He then returned to Boston and later went to Europe with a friend, Mr. Coleman, where he remained for about a year, returning this summer. His Canton friends and relatives knew that he suffered from heart trouble so that his death was not unexpected. A telegram Saturday to his nephew, Robert Sheldon of Canton, announced his death, and said that at Mr. Sherman's request his remains will be cremated and the ashes brought to Canton by Mr. Coleman.

Benjamin Sherman as a boy and man was retiring. He had close boyhood friends, and as a man in Boston he made other close intimate friends, notably

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Mr. Coleman, who went abroad with him and was with him at the last. The two men were inseparable.

It was while Ben and Mr. Conkey were in college that the old Beta Theta Pi quartette was organized, the other two members being the late W. L. FitzGibbons and Lawson C. Rich, now of New York City.

Mr. Sherman has one brother, Robert, who is interested in mining in the west. Robert married for his second wife Miss Emma Powell, sister of Dr. J. R. Powell, of Canton. A sister, Mrs. Ida Sheldon, died some years ago [in 1913] in Canton.

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ASHES OF B. P. SHERMAN BROUGHT TO CANTON  
Simple Services For Former Well Known Canton Man.

Prof. Leon C. Coleman, head of the English High School, Boston, brought the ashes of the late B. P. Sherman to Canton last Friday, and they were placed in the family lot at Evergreen.

Mr. Sherman's father was Dr. Ransom Sherman, many years ago [a] member of the drug firm of Conkey & Sherman, and his mother was a Miss [Elizabeth] Paige, Dr. Conkey and Dr. Sherman being brothers-in-law. Both families had lived in Canton many years. Robert Sheldon, a nephew of B. P. Sherman, is the only surviving relative of the family and he was present at the funeral services, which were conducted at the grave by Rev. J. [James] M. Payson [Universalist].

Mr. Coleman has been in [an] instructor in the Boston schools all his mature years and became acquainted with Mr. Sherman when the latter went to Boston many years ago and they became and remained close friends. In fact for several years they occupied the same apartment and very recently went to Europe together. He followed out his friend's wishes in every particular upon his death, and has been administering his estate.

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