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DANIEL SMITH

Few citizens will be more greatly missed from our town than Daniel Smith, the well known miller who run [sic] the mill at the head of Huntington Harbor for nearly half a century. Mr. Smith passed away at his home on Saturday last. He was born at Oxfordshire, England, in 1812 and was the son of William and Elizabeth Smith. The mother remained in England all her life, but the father came to this country after the sons became established here. Daniel came across the seas when about eighteen years of age. He located first in Delhi town, this State, where he engaged in the occupation of laborer and farmer. He stayed there but a short time, and about sixty-two or sixty-three years ago came to Jericho, Long Island, where he engaged with one of the rich Quaker farmers of that locality. He removed from there to Oyster Bay, where he worked in the mill of George Townsend for fourteen years. He removed to Huntington in 1845 and run [sic] the [?] mill at the head of the Harbor on shares with John Wood for several years. After the death of Mr. Wood he bought the mill and run [sic] it as a solo proprietor up to about three years ago. On June 1st, 1890, he sold out the mill to his son, D. Webster Smith, and retired from active business. Mr. Smith was a member of the Universalist church. In politics he was one of the earliest abolitionists and a straightforward Republican when it cost something to own to that name. In 1837, while living at Oyster Bay, he married Miss Grace Kentfield, with whom he lived in happy union until about six years ago when she departed this life. They had six children, five of whom are living: a daughter, Elizabeth, Mrs. I. W. Van Sise; D. Webster; George; Florence, Mrs. Winifred Roe; and Emma, who had been living at home with his parents. Fannie, the second daughter, Mrs. Lewis, died about three years ago. Mr. Smith's name was a synonym for honesty and square dealing, and by his kind manner and genial disposition he won a host of friends all about our town. He was known everywhere as "the honest miller."

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