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CHARLES F. THOMPSON, ESQ., OF EXETER,  
DROPS DEAD ON A LOAD OF WOOD

The inhabitants of Exeter Centre and vicinity were greatly shocked Tuesday, by the awful news that Chas. F. Thompson, Esq., had dropped dead while on a load of wood. The circumstances were as follows: Mr. Thompson resided about one half mile from the Exeter Centre postoffice. At present he and Mrs. Thompson were alone. About nine o'clock Tuesday morning, he took his team to break a road to the woods, one mile distant. About ten thirty Mrs. Thompson looked from the window and discovered the team with the sleigh loaded with wood standing at the door. When nothing could be found of Mr. Thompson she called help to look for him, and he was found [at] about eleven o'clock, cold and lifeless, lying on his face in the snow beside the wood road, one-half mile from the house, and a little distance farther his hat was found. The body was taken to the house and Dr. Fitch of Schuyler Lake called. The evidence that death was caused by heart disease was so strong that an inquest was deemed unnecessary. There was not a mark or bruise to be found on the body. He had been in very good health and able to work every day. The funeral will be held from his late residence to-morrow at one o'clock, Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward [Universalist] officiating. The remains will be interred in the cemetery at Schuylers Lake.

Charles F. Thompson, Esq., was born in the town of Exeter near Brainard's corners, Jan. 20, 1823, making him over 66 years of age at the time of his death. All but about six years of his life was [were] passed in his native town. Quite early in life he identified himself with the interests of education in the county. He taught forty terms of school and was principal of the school in this village in 1873. Mr. Thompson was first elected school commissioner of this district in 1860, which office he held for one term and was again elected in 1866 and re-elected in 1869. In the discharge of his official duties he won the highest esteem of the people. He chose for his life partner Miss [Cordelia] Palmer, sister of Mr. V. Palmer, of this village, who resided at Schuylers Lake. To them two children were born and both with the mother survive him. The son, Prof. Chas. P. Thompson, is a teacher in Cooperstown, where he had been for nearly a score of years. The daughter, Miss Nellie A. Thompson, is at present teaching in Schuylers Lake. Mr. Thompson was the youngest of a family of eight children and the last to be taken away. Since he has settled on the farm where he last lived, he has served the town two terms as justice and had just been elected to a third term. His good judgment and trusty business qualities have been favorably considered in that he has been a trusted administrator of a good many large estates in his town. The death of such a man is greatly to be regretted, and the vacancy made by his removal

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cannot be filled. From the home a loving husband and father has been taken away. From the community an honorable and highly respected citizen has been called above. Mr. Thompson had been a contributor to the MERCURY for many years, and his ever welcome calls will be missed by the editors to whose friendship he had become a sharer in no small measure.

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