

[Willson, Elisha Rich]

Elisha Rich Willson

Elisha Rich Willson was buried from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Willson, at ten o'clock Saturday, June 11th, the services being conducted by Rev. G. M. Gerrish [Universalist]. Mr. Willson has been in failing health for some time past, and his death occurred on Wednesday, the cause being heart failure.

He was born in the village of Morley eighty-four years ago and was one of the pioneers of the town, coming from good New England stock. One of his grandfathers was in the French war and the war of 1812. Mr. Willson has always resided in Canton, his active life being spent as a farmer. Some years ago he retired and has since resided in town. He was industrious and prosperous. He was a man of strong, rugged character and had the respect of all. During his long life he saw many changes in Canton and had a fund of interesting reminiscences.

He had another daughter, Mrs. William Patterson, of Plattsburg, N.Y., who with her husband attended the funeral. His son Floyd, of Grinnell, Ia., was also here. Another son, B. F. Willson, recently died. The widow of the latter and her two children are soon expected to take up their residence in Canton, all of the children being now here.

The body was taken to Morley, where it was placed by that of his wife in the family burial lot. In losing Mr. Willson, Canton loses an old landmark, one of the early settlers in town.

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