

LITTLETON.

Obituary.

Through the solemn stillness of the closing Sabbath of March 27, 1910, there was echoed one of the saddest messages ever borne on the air of Littleton. It was the news of Col. Herbert J. Harwood's death in Boston.

All hearts turned in profound sympathy to the bereft home on that fine ancestral estate where the widow, the mother, and the children have employed every means that love and skill could apply for the restoration of health. To that home it turns with assurance of universal love and esteem for its lost captain, of sympathy and consolation to the family whose affliction is shared by the entire community and the hosts of Mr. Harwood's friends in his large world outside of this town.

The painful communication of death followed closely the news of a sinking spell experienced Sunday forenoon, which came as a great shock. Mr. Harwood underwent a second operation Thursday, which the surgeon thought was accompanied by no serious conditions, but his strength proved insufficient to bear the continued strain which had been sapping his vitality since the first weeks of his illness in the late fall of 1909. At five o'clock in the evening his ever obedient spirit yielded to the call to higher service, where the reward is never withheld.

Herbert Joseph Harwood, son of the late Col. Joseph Alfred and Lucy Hartwell Harwood was born in Littleton, September 6, 1854. His early education was received in Littleton schools which he attended from 1860 to 1869.

After a year at Lancaster, (Mass.) academy, he went to Phillips-Exeter academy, from which he graduated in 1873.

In 1877 he graduated from Harvard college where he made the Phi Beta Kappa society through his high scholarship.

From November, 1877, to August, 1878, he worked in the mill of the Montague Paper Co., Turner's Falls to get a knowledge of the business.

In August of 1878 he entered the employ of J. A. & N. Harwood, manufacturers of fibre chair seats, and remained in the employ of this and other firms that manufactured chair seats and assembly chairs until January 1, 1899, when he went into business for himself as a chair manufacturer.

He had been until his death a director of the National Fibre Board Co.

October 15, 1879, Mr. Harwood was married at Lancaster, Mass., to Miss Emilie Augusta Green. To them were born nine children, eight of whom survive their father and reside at his home.

In 1882 he was Assistant Adjutant General, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on the staff of Governor John D. Long.

In 1899 he became a member of Massachusetts House of Representatives, serving on the committee of Education.

For twenty-one years he was trustee of the Reuben Hoar library. From