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William Kimball, son of Deacon James and Rachel Hartwell, Kimball was born in Littleton December 6, 1817. The greater part of his life was spent in his native town, in which, for about twenty years of his early manhood, he kept a store, and during a portion of this time was postmaster. For many years he was justice of the peace. In 1845 he married Mary Adams Lawrence. Of their six children, four survive,—George A., William L., Myron A. and Mrs. Mary K. Harlow, the first and last living in Somerville, Mass., William L. and Myron A. residing in Littleton.

At the semi-centennial of the church of which Mr. Kimball had been a member, his pastor, in alluding to him, said: "His pleasant countenance was an inspiration."

The following resolution from the town records shows the esteem in which he was held by the citizens:

*"Resolved:* That in the lamented death of William Kimball we greatly mourn our loss of an exemplary and honored citizen, an experienced, efficient and upright official. Living most of his life of sixty-six years in his native town, by his sterling traits of character, his kindly spirit, his habitual courtesy, his modest manliness, his firm principles and proved integrity, his genuine and ready support of the public interests, and his earnest, simple, Christian faith and life, he gained and held the confidence and esteem of his townsmen, as shown in the continuous and unanimous choice of him to be their town clerk for more than a quarter of a century."

It was said by one who knew him well: "He walked among men one of earth's noblemen, whose integrity was so staunch and whose honor so true that there was none to point the finger of scorn at him or to impeach his honesty."

In 1869 he married Mrs. Lucy M. Houghton, youngest daughter of John Goldsmith, of Littleton. He died October 14, 1884, aged sixty-six years.