

GEORGE S. BUTLER

After a brief illness at his home in Pelham, George S. Butler, the best known man for miles around in the countryside, passed away yesterday noon.

He was apparently in the best of health up to two or three weeks ago. A large man, robust, with a clear complexion, cheerful in his manners and a friend to everybody, it was seemingly a far cry that death should so quickly end his earthly existence.

Mr. Butler was a man that had the entire confidence of his fellow townsmen. Whatever he ever desired in a political way was accorded him without any interference or discussion. It was enough that he was a candidate. Party lines in Pelham were never known, nor were they recognized in his district when it was known that he was up for office. As a senator in the New Hampshire legislature, a representative to the same body, as a selectman of the town for many years, member of the school board, deputy sheriff and constable, he has served his town officially and personally as a man should do who is elected by the people. Mr. Butler's position was peculiar from that fact. He never had any opposition to speak of during his entire career as a politician.

Deceased is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nettie Burton, who has been living with him during the last few months in Pelham, also a brother in this city, Frank Butler.

He was a member of the Pelham Congregational church, in the work of which he has always been active. At the meetings of the church as well as those of his town, Mr. Butler was always the man picked for moderator because there was never any one else who could officiate with quite so much ability and fairness.

He was 57 years old and has been connected with several fraternal organizations. He was a member of Centralville lodge of Odd Fellows, Wannalancit encampment, Canton Pawtucket, Sons of the Revolution, Lowell lodge of the Royal Arcanum, and Pelham lodge of Pilgrim Fathers.