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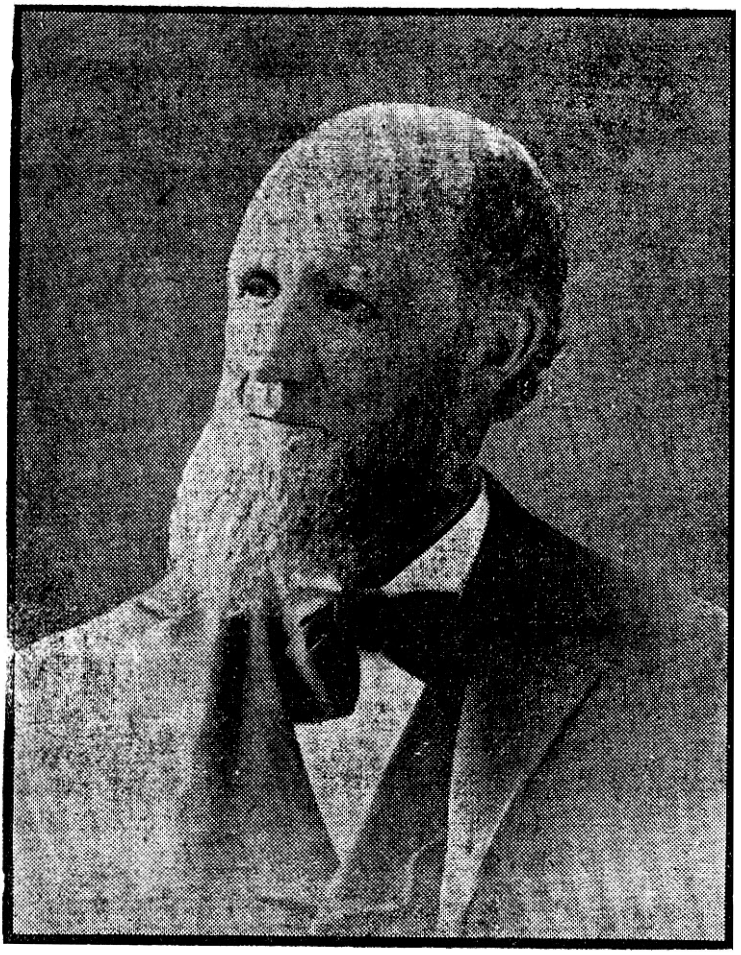
DEATH OF A. D. GREELEY FATHER OF "GREELEY SING"



ALONZO D. GREELEY.

Alonzo D. Greeley, father of the famous "Greeley Sings" that once attracted singers from far and wide to Pelham, N. H., died at his home in that town Saturday noon. He was 79 years and seven days old.

Although he had been quite seriously ill for some time his death was not expected and came with something of a shock.

Several weeks ago Mr. Greeley was stricken with an attack of the grip and on account of his advanced age did not rally as a younger person would have done.

However, until a day or two before he died, he showed some signs of improvement. This was only temporary, however, and on Friday he grew worse and passed away peacefully just after noon Saturday being conscious to the end and surrounded by his family of four children.

Mr. Greeley was one of the best known citizens of Pelham, his famous "Pelham sings" having made for him a name not only at home but in all the surrounding towns. He was a musical genius and during his long life contributed greatly to the musical pleasure of thousands.

For over 40 years he was organist of the Pelham Congregational church, a position now filled by his daughter, Mrs. F. H. Hillman. Mr. Greeley leaves two sons and two daughters, Mr. Arthur Greeley of Lowell, Mr. F. A. Greeley, Mrs. F. H. Hillman and Miss Grace Greeley of Pelham.

Lowell people who were present at the Pelham "old home day" last summer will recall a scene not without its pathos then, when at the close of the exercises Mr. Greeley lead the big audience in singing several of his favorite old hymns and songs, among them, "Round About the Starry Throne." He expressed the belief then that it would be the last time he should perform such a service.

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