

Pelham

Death of Deacon Samuel Kelley a Great Loss to the Town of Pelham.

Pelham, Dec. 7.—This town was greatly shocked on hearing of the sudden death of Samuel Kelley, which occurred at 11 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Kelley was in his usual health until about half an hour before he passed away. He was attending to his customary duties when he complained of a pain in the stomach and went to his house, where remedies were applied which seemed to give him relief, when all at once he gave one or two sudden gasps and quickly and painlessly passed away.

Mr. Kelley was a man greatly beloved because of his sterling, manly qualities and Christian virtues. He was genuine and true to the core, and many will be found who will say that no better man lived in the town of Pelham.

He was greatly interested in the welfare of the local church and was the staunch friend of the pastors the church called to minister to the people, showing his generosity and large heartedness in many a substantial way. For many years he has been the honored senior deacon of the church.

The town recognized Mr. Kelley's worth and for eight years elected him to the office of selectman.

It was in Mr. Kelley's home that Gen. Stark colony of the order of Pilgrim Fathers was organized. Of this order Mr. Kelley has been both governor and chaplain, serving in each office for several years.

Mr. Kelley was 77 years, three months and two days old, having been born in Salem, N. H., but living for the past half century in Pelham.

Besides a widow, Mr. Kelley leaves three children, Mrs. T. L. Roberts of Utica, N. Y., Forest E. Kelley of Pelham, and Mrs. Calvin A. Cochran of North Edgecombe, Me.

The funeral services will be held from the church next Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.