

Charles W. Spear Dies at Home Here in 91st Year

(Special to The Sun)

PELHAM, Oct. 20—Charles W. Spear, an old and highly respected citizen of this town, died at his home here in Pelham Center Saturday after a short illness. Mr. Spear would have been 91 years old Nov. 30. Mrs. Spear, his widow, whom he leaves, will be 82 on Nov. 29. Mr. Spear suffered a fall in his home last Monday and although not considered of a serious nature at the time, his decline was steadily manifest until he died Saturday.

He was born in Rockland, Me., Nov. 30, 1850, and came to this town about 75 years ago, the family taking up residence on what is now the Patenaude place, at Hillman's corner, which at that time embraced a large acreage of farm land also.

In early manhood, soon after his marriage to Mrs. Spear (Miss Clara E. Spofford, of North Pelham, June 26, 1879) he left town to engage in work with the S. S. Pierce Co. of Boston, and later as manager of one of the Ames chain stores located in Everett, which he conducted for nearly 25 years. Retiring voluntarily, he came back to Pelham 19 years ago last March when he and Mrs. Spear took residence with Miss Edith Spear, in Pelham.

He was an attendant at Pelham Congregational church and active in town and social affairs; and a thorough going Republican in politics, although never seeking office of any description.

Much beloved and highly respected by his townspeople and a devoted circle of friends outside, he will be greatly missed.

Besides his widow, he leaves a niece, Mrs. Willis E. Spaulding, and a nephew, Russell D. Butler of this town, and several grand nieces and grand nephews of the Pelham Currier and Hillman families, now located in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Connecticut and Pelham.