Death of Richard B. Hillman, One of the Town’s Best Known Citizens.

(Special Correspondence.)

Pelham, Oct. 8.—Richard B. Hillman, for over 33 years an honored and respected citizen of this town, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Henry Currier, early this morning, aged 76 years, three months and 17 days, of dilatation of the heart.

He was born in Rochland, Me., June 15, 1836, and coming to Pelham in 1869, began his life here as a carpenter, which trade he pursued for several years. For many years he was engaged in the lumber business, annually sawing thousands of feet of lumber and finally establishing a carriage manufacturing business which has since been followed in partnership with his son, Frank H. Hillman, for a period covering the past 20 years or more.

Besides his wife, Mrs. J. Augusta Hillman, he leaves a son, Frank H. Hillman, and daughter, Mrs. Gertrude H., wife of Henry M. Currier, and a sister, Miss Mary E. Hillman, who has made her home with him for about 25 years.

Mr. Hillman was representative to the general court from Pelham in 1885-7, and for several years served the town as selectman. He was a member of Ancient York lodge, A. F. and A. M., Pilgrim commandery; the General Stark Colony, U. O. F., Merrimack lodge of Odd Fellows, and of the Pelham Grange.

Although always ready and willing to take a quiet and unassuming part in all worthy causes of late years, owing to his general ill health, he has not figured actively in public affairs, choosing in preference the quiet and sociability of his own home circle. Mr. Hillman leaves an exceedingly large circle of personal friends and his death comes as a great shock to the community.

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