WELL KNOWN PELHAM COUPLE PASS THEIR GOLDEN MILESTONE

MR. AND MRS. ENOCH M. MARSH.

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At the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mann of Marston corner, Methuen, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch M. Marsh, of this town, celebrated last Tuesday afternoon the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

It would be difficult to imagine a more pleasant occasion and the large number of people present, many of them travelling quite a distance in order to be present, testified to the esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are held by their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh are two of the most prominent and most highly respected people of this town. They are both born here and have lived here all their lives, having been actively concerned with every movement whose interest was regarded as of benefit to this community.

Mr. Enoch M. Marsh was born July 3, 1829. He was the son of Col. Enoch Marsh and Phoebe (Hamblett) Marsh. He has spent his life on the farm where he now spends most of his time, the place his father occupied before his death.

For 50 years Mr. Marsh carried milk into Lowell, and it is said that for 21 years he drove his milk cart so steadily that no one else knew his milk route, and during all this time he did not know what it was to have a vacation.

Such strict application to business enabled Mr. Marsh to become one of the most prosperous persons of this town and for very many years was the treasurer of the local church society, resigning the office only last year to make way for a younger man.

A few years ago when the local church edifice was in need of repairs, no man did more than Mr. Marsh to carry out the work and it is commonly acknowledged that but for his own generosity, leadership and persuasive powers in soliciting funds, it would have been impossible for the extensive work that was done to have been accomplished.

Yet Mr. Marsh is a very modest man. He is one of the most pleasant and companionable persons to meet and perhaps he is one in the entire town has more friends than he.

Mrs. Marsh was Mary Elizabeth Hobbs, daughter of Moody Hobbs and Elizabeth (Spofford) Hobbs, and was born in what is now one of the oldest houses in town on June 23, 1830. It is the boast of Mrs. Hobbs that her great-great-grandfather was the Rev. James Hobbs, who was the first settled minister of this town and who came to Pelham in the year 1751 and was installed pastor of the Congregational church.

She has one brother living, also a resident of this town, the Hon. C. W. Hobbs.

For a few years before her marriage Mrs. Marsh was a teacher in this town.

She has always been prominent in church affairs until a few years ago, when sickness compelled her to forego many of the duties which were once her delight. She keeps her sunny disposition, nevertheless, and entertains to quite a large degree, Mrs. Marsh is a member of the Matthew Thornton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Nashua, N. H., and has several times entertained them as a body.

Twenty-five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Marsh celebrated their silver wedding at the local town hall and it is said one of the greatest crowds ever present in that building was in attendance and the silver presents were a sight to see.

One of the interesting exhibits last Tuesday at the golden wedding was the cake made 25 years ago for the silver wedding. It was also a matter of interest that Mrs. Abbie Butler, who was present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Marsh 50 years ago, was also present at the 50th anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have two children living, Francis Willey Marsh, now of Lowell, but who until very recently occupied the farm upon which his father and grandfather lived before him, and Mary Elizabeth Marsh, who married Mr. Charles W. Mann of Methuen, Mass., with whom of late years Mr. and Mrs. Enoch M. Marsh have been accustomed to spend the winter months and where this 50th wedding anniversary was held.

The house had been tastefully decorated for the occasion. Yellow and white were the dominant colors in the dining room, where ice, cakes and coffee were served to the guests.

There was quite a number of fine presents of gold left by the guests as a token of their esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Marsh.

The reception was held between the hours of 2 and 5 in the afternoon, and among those present were people from the following places: Lowell—Mrs. Chas. Hardy, Mrs. Eliza Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Mrs. Daniel Sillyone, Miss Bailey, Haverhill—Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Griffin and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and wife, Methuen—Rev. O. H. Gilman, Mrs. Gilman and wife, Bethany—Mr. and Mrs. David Swan, Mrs. Swan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler.