

[Post, John F.]

JOHN F. POST

One of the Substantial Business Men of Canton and His Native County

The community in Canton, N.Y., is saddened by the death of John F. Post, which occurred at his residence on Court street at 10 A.M. last Friday morning. Mr. Post had been in ill health several months, but continued to attend to business affairs up to about six weeks ago, when he suddenly suffered a collapse. He had been hovering between life and death ever since, and notwithstanding the fact that the announcement of his death had been daily expected, it came as a shock to the community, where Mr. Post has been prominent in financial and business interests many years.

Mr. Post was aged nearly 74, having been born August 27, 1827, in the town of Canton. His boyhood was spent in the towns of Canton, Gouverneur and Heuvelton, and his education was received in the district schools and at Canton academy. He came of sturdy pioneer stock, being a direct descendant of Abraham Post, who was lieutenant in charge of Fort Saybrooke, Conn., in 1680. His grandfather, Oliver Post, and his mother's father, John Forbes, served in the Revolution as private soldiers.

Mr. Post first engaged in business as a carriage builder at Five Corners, in the town of Potsdam. [On] May 23, 1847, he married Harriet Lillie, daughter of David Lillie, a prominent citizen of West Potsdam, and in 1850 he removed to the latter place, where he continued the carriage business. In 1875 he became associated with William Wright, of Bucks Bridge, and the firm of Wright & Post did a large business in manufacturing lumber at that point until 1889. In 1879 he removed to Canton, where he has since resided.

His first wife died March 18, 1873, and in 1881 he married Julia A. Graves, who survives him. He leaves two children, both by his first wife: Hattie, wife of Rev. O. [Ora] M. Hilton, of Auburn, N.Y., and Frank T. Post, who has been for several years a prominent attorney at Spokane, Wash. Early in his illness they were summoned and have been in constant attendance upon him.

It was in the lumber business that Mr. Post laid the foundation for his fortune, which has been conserved by skillful business management since his retirement. He was careful and methodical in his business habits, and a man of remarkably good judgment in business matters. His abilities were so well recognized along this line that upon the retirement of Hon. Dolphus S. Lynde from the presidency of the First National bank of Canton, in 1898, Mr. Post, who had been for several years a director, was unanimously elected president, which office he continued to hold until his death. His sterling integrity and shrewd business sense have done much to build up the business of that institution.

His funeral was held at 2:30 P.M. Saturday, at his late residence on Court street, Rev. J. M. Payson [Universalist] officiating. His remains were interred at Riverside cemetery, where only a few weeks before his illness he directed the erection of a monument for himself and wife.

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