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GRANVILLE WOODWORTH PASSES AWAY One of Rochester's Earliest and Truest Citizens

In the silence of sincere grief Rochester has learned of the death of one of her noblest citizens, a man whose life has been such that this community has valued his residence very highly and will treasure his memory with heartfelt respect.

Granville Woodworth died at six minutes before 6 o'clock last Thursday, the eve of his 72nd birthday. He had been partially unconscious all day and the long sleep came quietly and peacefully. For four weeks Mr. Woodworth had suffered from Bright's disease and had been confined to his couch. Three weeks ago last Sunday was the last time his friends saw him on the streets. It was Bright's disease and the complications resulting therefrom which caused his death. Mr. Woodworth has failed perceptibly since last fall, and his health has been anxiously watched by the friends who feared that he was to be taken away. His death has removed from our circle a man whose influence has been for good, and whose kindly gentleness and courtesy has been felt and appreciated by many.

Granville Woodworth was born in Bridgewater, N.Y., on the 4th day of August, 1832. He rose to early manhood in the Bay State, and in 1855 came west and located in Janesville, Wis. In the little town of Allen's Grove he was married to Harriet L. Rose, formerly of Bridgewater, N.Y., on November 27th, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth came to Minnesota two years later, and in the spring of 1857 made Rochester their home. Since that time this city has known and loved Mr. Woodworth and to his excellent business ability is due much of the success which our home has attained. He was a contractor, and the Cook House, the State Hospital, the county jail, the Haney block, the Universalist church, the home where E. A. Knowlton now lives, stand as witnesses to his skill. Many private homes were built under Mr. Woodworth's directions, and he enjoyed the busy life of a contractor until about fifteen years ago, at which time he went into the grain and coal business, succeeding signally.

Three years ago, failing health induced him to retire from business and in the quiet and comfort of his home Mr. Woodworth passed the remaining time. His wife died in November, 1899.

The sympathy of everyone goes out to the two daughters, Miss Flora and Miss Mary, who have lost a father whose happiness and whose home has always been with him. There are also left two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Hammond of this city, [and] Mrs. Milton Hunt of Clements, Kan., and one brother, C. D. Woodworth, of Bridgewater, N.Y. The deceased also had two half brothers,

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W. W. Woodworth of this city, and Chauncey Woodworth of Little Falls, Minn.; also one half sister, Mrs. Augusta Smith of Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Woodworth was a devoted attendant of the Universalist Church. He was a man whose genuineness made him dear to all who knew him, and whose acts of generosity have made happy many homes in this city. Of so true a nature little need be said, for his worth is known and his death is keenly felt by all.

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