

NATHAN A. LOMBARD.

Death of One of Worcester's Oldest Manufacturers.

Nathan A. Lombard, one of the oldest manufacturers in Worcester, died Thursday morning, at 10.15, at his residence, 62 West street, aged 87 years. He was born in Sutton April 16, 1808, son of Nathan and Delight (Allen) Lombard, on the old farm still in the family, half a mile north of Sutton centre. His father was a prominent farmer in that town, but his son did not take to that calling, and started out when a boy of 12 to work in Uxbridge, and later came to Worcester, about 1825, to learn the trade of manufacturing woollen machinery of Wm. Stowell, whose shop was then on the site of the present Coe's shop at New Worcester. He went from that shop to work for White & Boyden at South Worcester, among those who worked there with him being Albert Curtis, before the latter located on Webster street. Thence, Mr. Lombard went to Court mill to work for Wm. H. Howard, Samuel Davis, and others. After that he worked a while for the old firm of Henry Goulding & Co., on School street, and purchased an interest in that concern in 1851, and with the late Wm. M. Bickford carried on the business of manufacturing woollen machinery there in the firm of Bickford & Lombard, until 1866, when Mr. Lombard bought his partner's interest and from that time carried on the business there alone.

This is the oldest manufacturing establishment in Worcester, which has been carried on continuously. The late Ichabod Washburn and Benjamin Goddard started here in 1823, and when they started the wire manufacturing business at Northville in 1831 and later at Grove street in 1833, Henry Goulding and others succeeded to the works on School street. After Mr. Lombard came into sole possession, he greatly enlarged the facilities for business. By industry, tact, and strict attention to the business, he accumulated a handsome fortune.

Mr. Lombard had enjoyed unusually good health until within the last year. He had a slight shock of paralysis March 4 last, from the effects of which he never recovered. Until then he had always attended regularly to his place of business, but after that attack, his visits to the office became less frequent and shorter in duration. His last visit to his place of business was last Monday noon.

Mr. Lombard had been twice married, and leaves a wife and two children, Edward K. Lombard, connected with his father in the business, and Mrs. W. Howes Clark.

The funeral will be Saturday at 2 p. m., and will probably be attended by Rev. Dr. Gunnison of the First Universalist Church.

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