

DEATH OF D. K. SARGENT.

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Daniel K. Sargent, an old resident of Deep River, died at the home of his son, Venna, in that town, last Thursday, August 31st, at the age of 73 years, 1 month and 17 days. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian church in Deep River last Friday afternoon, being in charge of the Masonic and Eastern Star orders of which he was a member.

Daniel K. Sargent was born in Hanover, Grafton county, New Hampshire, July 14, 1832. His father was a blacksmith and he was raised to the same trade. He educated himself while working at the forge and taught school one term. During his boyhood his cousin, J. E. Sargent, then a young lawyer but in after years a judge of the Supreme court of New Hampshire, came into the village in prosecution of his profession and excited an ambition in young Daniel for legal fame. Upon making application for advice to a legal friend of some distinction he was frightened out of his intentions and the current of his life was changed. From his native place he came directly to this county, April 18, 1857, and immediately built the first blacksmith shop in Deep River township, where he continued to ply his trade until August of 1862, when he responded to the call of his country and enlisted in Company B, Fortieth Iowa Volunteers. He served as a private for two years and nine months, when he was promoted to the second lieutenant of company D, One Hundred and Thirtieth colored troops, in which office

he served until the following October, when having contracted malarial fever he resigned his commission. He participated in the battle of Mechanicsville and the siege of Vicksburg, after which he was taken to the hospital at Helena, Arkansas, from which he passed successfully through four others winding up at Keokuk. He sufficiently recovered to return to the front in May, 1864, from which time he kept his health and served as a faithful soldier until the date of his discharge, October 5, 1865.

His aged father kept up his business during his absence and at the same time served as village postmaster. His slumbering ambition for legal practice being revived he now commenced the study of law and after being commissioned as notary public, was finally admitted to the bar in April, 1872.

He was married April 10, 1855, to Miss Clara Cooke, of Lynn, New Hampshire. Four children were born to this union, of whom Will N., Josie E. Hanawalt and Sylvender, together with his wife, survive him.

In 1884 he secured a position as government clerk in the pension department at Washington, D. C. This he held continuously for nineteen years until ill health forced him to retire. He was located in the old Ford theater and when that building collapsed a few years ago sustained a shock which impaired his health.

He returned to Deep River in 1903 and since that time he has been living with his children.