

# DEATH CLAIMS

## J. H. DURGIN, 95

### Pioneer Citizen Passes At Highlands Home

Funeral services for J. H. Durgin, ~~who died at his home in Highlands~~ Tuesday morning, February 21, after a two weeks' illness, were conducted from the Episcopal church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Frank Bloxham. Mr. Durgin, known as "Papa" Durgin to his many friends, celebrated his 95th birthday anniversary last September.

Mr. Durgin was one of the pioneer settlers of Highlands, moving there with his family from West Roxbury, Mass., in 1883. A more beautiful christian character than his would be difficult to find; always unselfish to the extreme, and in his quiet, unobtrusive manner doing his bit to make the world a better place in which to live, thereby endearing himself to all.

Mr. Durgin was a former scout and Indian fighter in his younger days, and served with General Custer in several of that noted officer's hardest fought campaigns.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Bernice Durgin of Highlands, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Fred E. Carter, of Leominster, Mass.; three grandchildren, Misses Eunice, Dorothy, and Elinor Carter of Leominster.

Mrs. Tudor Hall was in charge of the flowers, and the offerings were many and beautiful. Mrs. J. A. Hines had charge of the music, and all Highlands expressed its sympathy in every way possible.

The pallbearers were J. E. Hicks, Guy Paul, Wendell McKinney, William Potts, J. W. Reese, Sr., and Frank B. Cook. Burial was in Highlands cemetery, with the Bryant Funeral Home of Franklin in charge.