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DEATH OF WELL KNOWN PAPER MANUFACTURER OF HIGHLAND PARK LAST TUESDAY.

Burial This Afternoon—Life Long Resident of Town—Public Spirited Citizen—Well Known Inventor—Successful Captain of Industry—Family of Paper Makers.

Alfred Wells Case died at his home in Highland Park Tuesday morning after a short illness with several complications including uremia, which terminated his existence. His funeral is taking place this afternoon as we go to press, services being held at the residence in Highland Park, Rev. W. F. Davis, pastor of the South Methodist church of this place officiating, and Rev. Julius I. Wadsworth of Brockton, Mass., speaking in the funeral. Burial will be in the East Cemetery.

Mr. Case was a successful paper manufacturer in this town where he spent all his life and devoted his talents and energies to the building up of a successful and prosperous business. He was a public spirited citizen as well, and did much to beautify his surroundings in Highland Park, where he laid out a charming park which is free to the public, and turned the Highlands generally to a great extent into a place of unusual beauty.

He took a keen interest in public affairs, was well known, honored and respected by his fellow citizens in this town, and his passing away brings deep regrets to many, and heartfelt sympathy with those of his family who remain.

Mr. Case was the third of our well known and long established and successful paper manufacturers who have passed away from the scene of their activities within the last two years, the other two being Henry E. Rogers and F. Dwight Hale. It will be remembered that Mr. Rogers died some two years ago and Mr. Hale a few months ago.

The bearers this afternoon are: C. C. Case of Willimantic, R. S. Case of Unionville, C. H. Case of Oneco, Royal C. Wright of Springfield, Mass., A. L. Crowell and J. N. Viot of High-

land Park.

Mr. Case was the son of Charles and Mary (Clough) Case, and was born October 30, 1840, in the western part of Manchester, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of 17 he entered the employ of Messrs. W. & E. Bunce, paper manufacturers. When 21 he left home and engaged in mercantile pursuits and later associated himself with his twin brother, Albert Willard Case, in paper manufacturing, under the firm name of Case Brothers. He was an inventor of some note, having taken out several patents, the most noted of which is the Case propeller wheel. He was an ardent lover of nature, and for many years spent much time and money in developing the natural beauties at Highland Park, near his home, and at the time of his sickness was actively engaged in building a new road through his property, bordering the reservoir.

In politics Mr. Case was a republican and represented Manchester in the legislature of 1889. He was held in high esteem by his townsmen as an honorable and useful citizen. He was devoted to his family and greatly missed the companionship of his wife, who died about three years ago.

Mr. Case is survived by two children, a son, Lawrence Wells, and a daughter, Carol Maude, both of whom lived with him at Highland Park; also three brothers, Henry F. Case and Albert Willard Case of Highland Park, and Fred L. Case of Andover.

The Case family trace their lineage back to the reign of Oliver Cromwell, and a number of the members of the family held important positions during the Cromwell wars. The ancestor of this branch of the Case family came to America prior to 1650, and settled in Hartford, latter moving across the river to East Hartford, where he became a land owner, as the record shows in 1671. His name was Richard Case and he died in 1694, leaving a good estate. One of his sons, Richard, Jr., died in 1724, leaving a son, Joseph, who died in 1791, and who was buried in the cemetery at East Hartford. The line follows down from David, who was the son of Joseph, to Uriah, then to Charles who was the father of Mr. Case.