

COMFORT S. PROUT OF EAST HAVEN.

Comfort S. Prout, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of East Haven, died at his late residence in that village yesterday after an illness of nine days, aged eighty-four years. He was taken ill week before last with a slight attack of dysentery and weakness of the heart and other complications incident to old age set in and he began to fail. He was attended by Dr. Holbrook, who cautioned his patient against making any unnecessary effort and to lie as quietly as possible. Mr. Prout a day or two before his death thought that he felt able to sit on the side of the bed and he did so. But the effort was too much for him and he was greatly weakened and he failed rapidly until his death. He leaves a wife and three sons, Frederick, Henry and James Prout. The two first are residents of Foxon and the last named of Beacons' Head. The funeral will be held at his late residence tomorrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock. Rev. D. J. Clark, the pastor of the East Haven Congregational church, will be the officiating clergyman. The remains will be interred in East Haven cemetery.

Mr. Prout was one of the oldest residents of East Haven. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and was a prominent member of the East Haven Congregational church and was held in high regard by the members. The house in which he lived was one of the oldest in that section, it having been erected in the year 1790, and it was regarded as a venerable landmark in the town. There are many who will mourn his departure.

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