

WILLIAM H. BARNES

The Wellknown Paper Manufacturer of Rochester Passes Away at Jacksonville, Florida

William H. Barnes was born in Cheshire, Conn., May 5, 1829, and died at Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 20, 1903, aged 74 years, 5 mos and 16 days.

When the deceased was 3 years of age the family moved to Catskill, NY, where his boyhood days were spent. At the age of 20 years he went back to his native state and began work in a paper mill. This was his chosen work, the business in which he was engaged up to the time of his death. In 1854 he was united in marriage to Jemima Parmalee. This relation was blessed with ten children – two sons and eight daughters. One son and four daughters have preceded the father to the world beyond. One son and four daughters with the wife and mother remain, and all present except one daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Wilder, a resident of Honolulu.

The family came to Michigan in 1863 and resided for a few years in Detroit and in 1869 came to Rochester where they have since resided, and where, by industry and frugality, on the part of our departed friend, was made the pleasant home he enjoyed so well, and to which his remains were brought Sunday morning from the fragrant flowers and orange groves of Florida, where, with his beloved daughter, he had gone to gain health. But that delicate frame was permitted to rest but part of a night; no one knows but God at what time the Spirit took its flight from the pleasant quarters selected for the stay. The body indicated that no struggle occurred, and life, sweetly and calmly, was slept away into death. This was the wish of our friend and neighbor Barnes, and his wish was granted.

No tongue or pen can express the feelings of the beloved daughter when entering his room Friday morning and seeing the purple hand hanging from the bedside – sure indication of death! The telegram announcing his death was received with sad hearts at the home and by many of our older residents.

He leaves besides his immediate family, three brothers and two sisters and a large circle of friends to mourn his departure. Funeral services were conducted at his late home Tuesday, Nov. 24, by Rev. Dr. Reiter, assisted by Rev. Greenwood of the M. E. Church. The remains were temporarily placed in a vault at Pontiac, and will later be interred in Rochester Cemetery.

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