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DEATH of the HON. G.S. BOULTON

With feelings of deep regret, we this day record the rather sudden death of one of our oldest and most highly respected townsmen, the Hon. George Strange Boulton, who breathed his last at his residence in this town on Saturday morning last at 2. o'clock.

The deceased gentleman, although failing in health for some time past, yet retained to a great degree his wonted physical and mental energies. He still continued to attend to his business up to the day of his death, and only on thursday previous to his demise, he was in Peterborough on business, contrary to the advice of his friends, and returned home on Friday evening. After having partaken of supper, he retired to bed at ten o'clock, having previously given orders to his servants to have breakfast ready by eight o'clock, as he wanted to leave early. He, however, rose after midnight, complaining of cold feet, and a pain in his side. The family physician, Dr. Moore, was immediately summoned, but the deceased having been soon after taken with an ~~sket~~ epileptic fit, he almost immediately expired very peacefully, and apparently without pain.

Though advanced in years, he never failed to take a lively interest in our town, and on every occasion was foremost ~~XXXXXX~~ when his influence was required to promote its welfare. He was of a kind and genial disposition, and good to the poor of the town, many of whom will have sad reason to regret his absence. He was Registrar of the County for about 45 years, and was also a Commissioner of the Cobourg Town Trust, both of which offices are now vacant.

The Hon. George Strange Boulton was born on the 11th of September, 1797, at Green Bush, in the County of Rensselaer, New York, where his father lived for some time before settling in Canada, which he did about the year 1800, first in Cornwall, and seven years after, in Toronto, where he was made Judge of the Superior Court. Mr. G.S. Boulton was educated by Dr. Strachan, the Late Bishop of Toronto. He was brought up to the profession of the Law, and commenced his career as Barrister in Port Hope where he resided for some years until his removal to Cobourg on appointment as Registrar of the County, about the year 1824, which post he retained to the day of his death. The present Chief Justice Draper was a student in his office, also Deputy Registrar, and one or two others, afterwards of note, commenced their career under his auspices. He identified himself with the politics of the country from his earliest youth, and was remarkable for the adherence to the Conservative cause. He clung intently to the banners of the Church and State party, which he never once failed to uphold to the day of his death. He represented in the House of Assembly for Upper Canada, the County of Durham upwards of twenty years. The last time he contested the County, however, he was defeated by the late John Tucker Williams, Esq.,. In 1847, he was appointed by the Crown, a member of the Legislative Council, which post he continued to fill till the Confederation of the Provinces into our present Dominion. He was ever an upright and consistent politician. He was one of the remaining few who took part in the war of 1812, and was an officer of the Militia, responded to Sir Francis Head's call in 1837. He was also, for many years, Colonel in Command of the Fourth Military District of Upper Canada.

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Mr. Boulton was twice married, first in 1824 to Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Henry Boulton, Esq. of "Geddington House", near Kettering, Northamptonshire, England. She died in 1836. (Correction - 1838) leaving three children, two of whom survive. Secondly in 1840, to Anna Maria ~~Wicks~~, eldest daughter of the Late J. Walton of Schenectady, N.Y., and Relict of N.F. Beck, Esquire, of Albany, N.Y. She died in December 1862.

---- The Cobourg Sentinel- Sat. Feb. 20, 1869.

DEATHS -- "In this town, suddenly, on Saturday morning, the 13th instant, at his residence " Northumberland Hall", the Hon. George Strange Boulton, in the 72nd year of his age.

(The Cobourg Star - Wednesday February 17, 1869)

DEATH OF THE HON. GEORGE STRANGE BOULTON

The town was very much shocked on Saturday morning last, to hear of the sudden death of the Hon. Mr. Boulton, one of our oldest and most highly respected townsmen. His health for some time past had not been very good but he was able to be about, and only a day or two before his death was in the street attending to his business as usual.

The Hon. Geo. Strange Boulton was born on the 11th of Sept., 1797, at Green Bush, New York, in the County of Rensselaer, where his father lived for some time before finally settling in Canada, which he did about the year 1800, first in Cornwall, and seven years after in Toronto, where he was made judge of the Superior Court. Mr. George Boulton was educated by Dr. Strachan, the late Bishop of Toronto. He was brought up to the profession of the Law, and commenced his career as Barrister in Port Hope, where he resided for some years, till his removal to Cobourg on appointment as Registrar of the county, about the year 1824, which post he retained to the day of his death. The present Chief Justice Draper was a student in his law office, also Deputy Registrar, and one or two others, afterwards of note, commenced their career under his auspices. He identified himself with the politics of this country from his earliest youth, and was remarkable for his adherence to the Conservative cause. He clung instinctively to the Church and State party, which he never once failed to uphold to the day of his death. He represented in the House of Assembly for Upper Canada, the County of Durham upwards of 20 years. The last time he contested the County, however, he was defeated by the late John Tucker Williams, Esq. In 1847, he was appointed by the crown a member of the Legislative Council, which post he continued to fill till the confederation of the provinces into our present Dominion. He was ever an upright and consistent politician. He is one of the remaining few who took an active part in the war of 1812, and as an officer of Militia responded to Sir Francis Head's call in 1837. He was also for many years Colonel in command of the fourth Military District of Upper Canada.

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Though advanced in age, he will be much missed in the town of Cobourg, where his presence and influence were never wanting, when the interests of the town were at stake. He was always a kind friend to the poor, and rich and poor alike will miss his pleasant smile or little anecdote of early Canadian life, which was ever on his lips in greeting a friend. His death was very sudden; he returned from Peterborough on Friday evening feeling tired, and after partaking of his usual evening meal, retired to rest, apparently well. About 2 o'clock he awoke, complaining of chilliness and pain, and in two hours breathed his last.

DIED - On Saturday, 13th of February, at his residence, Northumberland Hall, Cobourg, in the 72nd year of his age, the Hon. GEORGE STRANGE BOULTON.

- Served on The Town Trust until his death.
 - Replaced by Mr. Wm. Eyre at the Registry Office
 - Served the Northumberland & Durham Savings Bank as a Trustee.
- Cobourg Harbour Co.