

Charles Kendall- *Eighty six Years Old, a Monument to Untiring Industry.*

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STERLING, March 8 – Tuesday marked the 86th birthday anniversary of Charles Kendall of Kendall hill. Mr. Kendall was born March 6, 1814, on the historical Mine farm in Sterling, but a short distance from his present home.

This Mine farm was bought in 1777 by Josiah Kendall, one of the selectmen. The property was then known as the Charlestown Grant, lying northwest of the East Washacum lake.

Tradition says that the price paid for this land was only two King George coppers per acre. This farm has always since been owned by the Kendall's, descending from father to son.

Charles Kendall was son of Capt. Joel and Frances (Newhall) Kendall. When he was 18 years of age his father moved to another part of the ancestral farm near the summit of Kendall hill, and this place which commands a fine view of Wachusett [*Mountain*] and the surrounding country, his life has been passed.

He has lived an active life, improving in every possible way his farm, which is one of the best and largest in Sterling. The compiler of the *Kendall Memorial* history, written in 1884 says:-

“Mr. Kendall is an eminent example of the beneficial effects of

untiring industry and perseverance in one calling, a most industrious man, who even now shows but little loss of energy, and who, such is the force of habit, continues to labor early and late.”

“While furrowing his corn one day last spring he thought at night he had done a pretty fair day's work, and ascertained by mathematical demonstration that he had walked 22 miles.”

Since his 80th anniversary, Mr. Kendall has felt his age more, but with the exception of failing eye sight, still holds out well.

When a young man he was a member of what was then called the South Company militia in 1836, lieutenant in 1838, and the same year acted as captain, but refused to accept the commission as such. He was for many years a member of the Choir of the Unitarian Church.

New Years day 1840, he married Susan, daughter of David and Esther Jewett, of Sterling, and sister of Mrs. Charles Be---, of Worcester. Mrs. Kendall always made for husband a happy home, and cared for his mother most tenderly in her declining years.

She died Nov. 3, 1882 aged 63 years, having been a invalid for many years, but always patient and cheerful.

Mr. Kendall and wife had four children, three of whom are living, Charles W., who lives with his father; Fredrick W., with his wife makes a home for his father in his declining

years, and Fannie L., who married in 1881 Herbert W. Warren of Worcester, and who now lives on School Street, Sterling, having bought a residence here in September, 1899.

Thus Mr. Kendall is rounding out a full life, with his children and grandchildren around him as the sunset draws near.