

May 7, 1912

JOHN VAN DYKE DEAD

5-7-1912
Blind John, who had been a familiar figure about Groton for many years, responded to the final summons on Saturday morning last. He had been ailing somewhat for a week or more, but little was thought of it as he was subject to occasional attacks of illness. This time his ailment was followed by a stroke of paralysis, which hastened the end.

Though blind from his childhood, John was a vigorous specimen of manhood and during his younger years made his way independently, doing such lines of labor as are possible to a man who cannot see.

He reared a family, and is survived by one son and a daughter—the latter being Mrs. Al. Graham, who formerly lived here. Mr. Van Dyke would have been seventy-three years of age, had he lived out the present summer.

Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at Methodist Church.