

Edward Payson Storrs – 1842-1916

Edward Payson Storrs, known as E.P., was born in Hanover Center, NH, May 18, 1842. He had an older brother and sister and a younger sister. He went to the North Neighborhood School and then to Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, NH. There he became sick with pneumonia. His family came after him in a pung filled with straw in which they laid him wrapped in a blanket to bring him home. He never wanted to see KUA again.

After working in Major I.E. Dewey's store in East Lyme for a while he went to Ohio where he worked as a telegraph operator on the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad. Later he was a train conductor for a few years. This was in the time of the Civil War. He returned to Hanover in 1865 and opened a general store in partnership with H.H. Clough. On June 1 1869, he married Juliette English Steele of Lyme. (Her name is sometimes given as Julia Etta.) They lived in the N.A. Huntington house when they were first married, where the Musgrove Block now stands. When their first daughter, May Louise, was born they were in the west side of the Howe house (the old Howe Library). During that year he purchased the Claremont Stationery Co. and they moved to Claremont, NH. Caroline, Adna David, and Edward Payson were born there. They returned to Hanover in 1878 and in 1880 were living in the Rood house, on the present site of Webster Hall, when Harriet Asenath was born. (Harry Carl, last child and grandfather of Betsy Storrs was born later.) About that time E.P. Storrs purchased the business of Nelson McClary, a stationer in the Cobb building, and started the Dartmouth Bookstore, and also bought the brick house (where the Post Office now stands) from William Tenney.

He was a representative in the state legislature for the year 1892-3; served as selectman of the town for eighteen consecutive years, 1893-1910; and was precinct commissioner for three years. He was superintendent of the Water Works from its beginning in 1893 until his death. He was trustee of the Dartmouth Savings Bank and agent for several fire insurance companies.

He died in Hanover July 27, 1916.