

**John H. Hutchinson.**  
(Jeweler's Circular ~ June 16, 1897)

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 9.—John H. Hutchinson, one of the foremost citizens of Portsmouth, died at his Summer home at Foss' beach, Monday morning, at the age of 59 years, after a long illness. The deceased had been in slowly failing health for a year past.

Mr. Hutchinson was born at Nelson, N. H., June 6, 1838. He received an academic education and graduated from Dartmouth College. He then took up his residence in St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he began the merchant tailoring business, and married Mary E. Graham a week before he was commissioned a lieutenant of Co. G, Third Vermont Vols., and left for the front. He was, soon after reaching Washington, commissioned a captain in the signal corps and had charge of several stations around Alexandria, Va., and was later an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. McClellan.

After he had been mustered out of the service he returned to St. Johnsbury and on May 18, 1868, came to this city and started in the jewelry business under the firm name of Rowell & Hutchinson. Later he purchased the interest of the senior partner and became associated with James R. Connell and so continued for about 10 years.

Fifteen years ago last January this firm dissolved and each continued in the business, Mr. Hutchinson retaining the old stand and continuing there until two years ago last November, when he removed to the present location of the store. Meanwhile he had associated his daughter and son-in-law with him in the firm. In addition to this business, in association with his wife he established a large florist establishment at his residence, on Lincoln Ave., some 20 years ago, and two years ago built the large conservatories at the foot of Rogers St.

Besides these varied and large establishments he was interested in various fiduciary and charitable institutions and was a trustee and member of the investment committee of the Piscataqua Savings Bank and a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, was for more than 20 years superintendent of the North Church Sunday School and for several years was a deacon of the church and a warden of the parish. He was a Free Mason, entering St. Andrew's Lodge in 1870, and took the Templar's vows in DeWitt Clinton Commandery on March 10, 1876. He was also an Odd Fellow, joining Piscataqua Lodge, No. 6, Feb. 5, 1872, and was mustered into Storer Post, No. 1, G. A. R., June 30, 1880. In politics Mr. Hutchinson was a Republican, represented his ward in the New Hampshire Legislature in the early 70's. had been his party's candidate for mayor and was president of the campaign club in the campaign of 1884.

The deceased was loved and respected by all who knew him. His friendship was not lightly won but once bestowed nothing could ever change it. He leaves a wife, one daughter. Mrs. Samuel L. Kingsbury, and one son, Dr. Harry S. Hutchinson.

## **Soldiers' record of the town of St. Johnsbury, Vermont**

Born in Nelson, N. H. Son of Arnold B. Hutchinson, for many years a resident of St. Johnsbury. Age twenty-six years. Enlisted in Company G, 3d Regiment, May 27, 1861. Mustered into United States service, as 1st Lieutenant, July 16, 1861. In February 1862, detailed for signal service, and continued in this service until honorably discharged for disability, May 20, 1863. Lieutenant Hutchinson was in action at Seven Pines and Chantilly.