

LONG FAMILY

of ANDOVER

1897.

(Clemons)

"At the age of 84 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Long died Monday at the home off Salem Street. Deceased was the widow of the late Elijah Long, a life-long resident. Although through misfortune, a victim of extreme poverty, she was imbued with a resolute and independant spirit, which led her to eke out a miserable existence in the squalor of what had been for so many years a home to her, rather than accept that charity accorded to a town charge. ...

Two daughters and two sons survive. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon." Elijah Long was b. here, Mar. 29, 1807; his father, Elijah, born here, Nov. 15, 1777.

"About 8.20 o'clock Monday evening, the humble dwelling, the domicile of the Long family was razed by some unknown cause, the house at the time being unoccupied. Within the past two months the habitation has been the scene of two funerals, the aged mother who absolutely refused to become a Town charge, and the eldest daughter, who though racked by disease preferred death, rather than endure, what to these unfortunates appeared, the horror of the poor farm.

For years the family living had been made by the two daughters, Emma and Eliza, who sold eggs, berries or other small fruits in their season or worked for money or eatables. A few months ago, at the death of Emma, Eliza was taken to the Farm. A brother, Frank, preferred to roam the woods and remain at the old haunt, which though reported to be foul and unkempt, was to them a home.

The building they occupied was formerly a little red school-house in the town of Boxford and came into the service of the family after long use in the neighboring town. Its present site, on Saelm Street on the old lane was formerly land owned by Peter Holt, one of the most venerable residents. The Center hand engine had a run of two miles, to