

John Lowell Melcher 1824-1900

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New York, Dec 19 - New York, Dec 19 - John Dowell [sic - initial was L]

Melcher, a well known real estate dealer, died at his home in this city today, from heart failure. Mr Melcher was born in Portsmouth, NH, on May 22, 1824, the son of Sylvanus [sic - Sylvester] and Isabel (Buckminster)[sic - Eustis] Melcher. The founder of the Melcher family, a Huguenot, came over to this country in 1629.

John Melcher, grandfather of the deceased real estate dealer, owned and ran the first printing press in New Hampshire and published the first newspaper in Portsmouth. John Dowell Melcher commenced his business career in Lowell, Mass, thence entering the dry goods establishment of Stanfield, Wentworth & Co., in Boston. In 1855 he married Ellen Stevens, the eldest daughter of Aaron [sic-Paran] Stevens (deceased). In 1864, when Stanfield, Wentworth & Co established a branch store in this city, Mr Melcher came here and took charge of it. He is survived by a widow and one son.