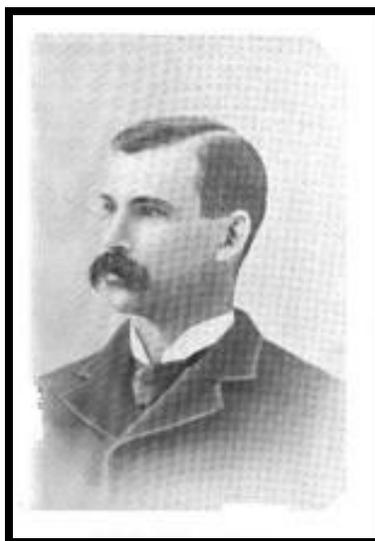




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ELDRIDGE, LOVELL JACKSON, of St. Johnsbury, son of Lewis J. and Rosa J. (Tracy) Eldridge, was born Nov. 19, 1863, at Montgomery.

When eight years old, he was left an orphan, without friends or property. By dint of persistent work on the farm, he paid his own way in district schools until he was eighteen years of age. Meanwhile he saved money enough to provide for himself a supplementary course of one year's study at the State Normal School, Johnson, and three years at People's Academy, Morrisville. At both schools he took a select course of study and thorough drill, preparatory for business. Great credit must be given him for availing himself to the fullest extent of his opportunities, and for his honorable struggle, when a youth, to obtain the best education afforded by his narrow circumstances. On leaving school and facing, for the first time, the business world, Mr. Eldridge was handicapped by no cash debts, nor burdened with the consciousness of having had material favors from relatives or friends. His first venture was to canvass eleven of the western and central states, in the stencil and stamp business with headquarters at Madison Wis manufacturing largely his own goods. Returning to Vermont to regain his health for three years he taught school in Enosburgh and Hyde Park From 1887 to 1890, he was traveling salesman and collector in the New England states for a large pottery firm of Trenton NJ. He was then appointed local agent at Morrisville for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Co remaining there two years when he was placed in charge of the general agency of the same company with headquarters at St Johnsbury where he now has a large and prosperous business.

He married Oct 19 1892 at Plattsburgh Clinton county Mo. Katie A daughter of Col Charles W banker of that city and Mary E Funkhouser Porter.

Mr. Eldridge has been a member of the IOOF since 1891 and also of the Sons Veterans Camp No 50 at Morrisville He has never taken any part in politics nor held political office.

He became an active member of the First Congregational Church of Danville in 1890 and later of the Young Men's Christian Association of St Johnsbury.

Mr. Eldridge has been president of the Morrisville Lyceum Bureau and in 1890 joined the Vermont Life Underwriters Association of which he was elected one of the vice presidents in 1891.