SIMON GOURSE LAID AT REST

Founder of Hub Clothiers and One of Earliest Jewish Settlers in City Is Buried in Swansea.

The funeral of Simon Gourse, founder of the Hub Clothiers (S. Gourse & Sons) and one of the earliest Jewish settlers in Fall River,



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was held Tuesday from his late home on Second street. Interment was in the old Jewish cemetery in Swansea. His death occurred on Monday.

Mr. Gourse, one of the best known business men in this city for years, came to Fall River in 1881. He was a member of one of 10 Jewish families who formed the nucleus of what is today one of the most populous and prosperous Jewish communities in this section. One year after coming here, Mr. Gourse opened a clothing store, which he conducted successfully for a long period. Ill health caused his retirement from the active management of the store some time ago, but the business is still carried on by his sons, David L. and Harry Gourse, who were taken into partnership by their father, under the firm name of S. Gourse & Sons, Hub Clothiers.

In 1898 Mr. Gourse was the prime mover in founding the Congregation Adas Israel, and served as president of that congregation for 17 years. For 20 years, also, he was president and secretary of the Pride of Fall River lodge, I. O. B. A. He served on the board of directors of the various Jewish organizations in the city, including the Hebrew Free school, Home for the Aged and Hebrew Sheltering Home. He was widely known for his philanthropies, giving freely to every worthy cause for which an appeal was made, and he enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him, whether in a business or social way.

Mr. Gourse leaves his wife, Mrs. Ethel Gourse; three daughters, Mrs. Anna G. Sacknoff of Portland, Me., Mrs. Lillian Israel of Worcester and Mrs. M. Rosenthal of New Bedford; five sons, David L. and Harry A. of this city, Herbert, Norman and Willard of New York, and seven grandchildren.