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PIONEER SUFFRAGIST DIES AT AGE OF 86  
Mrs. Jean Brooks Greenleaf Last of Loyal Band

With the death yesterday of Mrs. Jean Brooks Greenleaf there passed the last of a little band of devoted suffragists who received their first inspiration from Susan B. and Mary Anthony. Mrs. Greenleaf was the only one of the women who saw their dream come true in the state where they had lived the greater share of their lives.

Mrs. Greenleaf, who was the widow of Colonel Halbert S. Greenleaf, died at her home, No. 196 North Goodman street, yesterday morning, aged 86 years. The funeral will take place from the home at 4:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Jean Brooks was born in October, 1831, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Brooks, of Massachusetts. She was the last of a large family. For more than fifty years she made her home in this city, with the exception of some time spent in Washington when her husband was a member of Congress.

Mrs. Greenleaf was a trustee of St. Lawrence University for some years, and had been one of the directors of the Sargent & Greenleaf Company since its incorporation. She was honorary president of the Rochester Political Equality Club, of which she was one of its first members, for twenty years.

Mrs. Greenleaf was state president of the suffrage organization for six years, from 1890 to 1896, and it was under her leadership that the monster petition was presented to the state Constitutional convention in 1894. In 1893 Mrs. Greenleaf was a Democratic candidate for delegate to that convention, and polled a large vote.

Colonel Halbert Stevens Greenleaf won distinction in the Civil war and was twice Democratic member of Congress from the Thirteenth district. He was elected to Congress in 1882 and 1890.

Mrs. Greenleaf leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. Martha A. Greenleaf, of No. 14 Manhattan street, and several nephews and nieces, of this city.

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The funeral of Mrs. Jean Brooks Greenleaf, widow of Col. Halbert S. Greenleaf, was held Monday, March 4. Her father, Dr. John Brooks, was a pioneer Universalist minister and Col. Greenleaf was a Trustee of the church for many years. She was a pew holder and a liberal contributor for over fifty years and was very much interested in church activities although she was seldom able to attend services because of spinal trouble. She had passed her eighty-sixth birthday.

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