

[Anderson, Rebecca Northrup]

Death of Mrs. Anderson

At her late home on Utica street, Wednesday morning, March 27, occurred the death of Rebecca Northrup, widow of the late Zimri Anderson, aged 92 years and eight months. Death was not entirely unexpected, and tho' her sickness was not of great suffering she often expressed a wish for release from the body and a reunion with those who had gone before.

Mrs. Anderson was born in Woodbridge, Conn., July 26, 1776, and was the last one of the twelve children of Philo and Rebecca Northrup. In the spring of 1816, with a spirit of enterprise that characterized her whole life, she removed to Clinton, whither a brother and several sisters had preceded her. This journey that is now accomplished with ease in a day, at that time was a wearying one requiring a week of wagon travel to perform it. In March, 1818, she married Zimri Anderson, and the remainder of her life was spent on the farm where she died. Five of her seven children survive her: Charles L., David, Laura C., and William, of this place, and Franklin, of Columbus, Wisc., also ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The years of Mrs. Anderson's active life occurred before machinery lifted the burden from human hands, and in caring for her large family it may be said, "She laid her hands to the spindle and her hands held the distaff." Until failing sight prevented, she enjoyed reading the papers and noted with satisfaction the rapid progress in scientific and religious thought. The last years of her life were years of many infirmities of body, during which she often expressed entire submission to God's will concerning her future, while she struggled for freedom. Under the burden of her many infirmities several times during her last days she quoted the lines of the old hymn, "Vital spark of heavenly flame, Quit, o quit this mortal frame."

Children and a grand-daughter kindly soothed her last days and sons and grandsons tenderly laid her to rest.

Rev. G.W. Raeburn, pastor of the Universalist church, of which she had been an attendant, conducted funeral services at her late residence Saturday afternoon, taking as the basis of his remarks the 29th, 30th, and 31st verses of the second chapter of Luke, texts selected by the deceased years before as expressing her parting words.

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