

[Atwell, Jane E. Martin]

Funeral of Mrs. Atwell held in Girlhood Home

Simple but impressive funeral rites honored the memory of Mrs. George A. [W.] Atwell, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23, following her death in Genesee hospital, Rochester, at 6:30 o'clock on the preceding Wednesday evening [20 Sep]. Mrs. Atwell, widow of a former prominent Lima attorney, had been in failing health the past year and entered the hospital two weeks before her passing.

The funeral service was held in the birthplace and childhood home, now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harwood Martin [her nephew], Bragg street road, near Honeoye Falls. The Rev. Weston A. Cate, D.D., pastor of [the] Universalist church, Rochester, where the deceased had been a member for years, was in charge, using poetry and selected passages from Scripture at Mrs. Atwell's request. Interment was made on Oak Ridge cemetery here beside her husband, the late George W. Atwell, who died in 1920. Bearers were nephews and cousins, Harwood Martin, Gerald Martin, Richard Martin, Arthur Beale, Claire Martin, and Harry Garfield.

The only daughter of Amasa H. Martin and Julia Ann Garfield Martin, Mrs. Atwell was born 84 years ago [22 Jul 1860] in the Bragg street homestead in Lima township. She first attended North Bloomfield district school (No. 5 in Lima), followed by matriculation in Clinton Liberal Institute, a [Universalist] boarding school in Fort Plain, N.Y. Later she attended Livingston Park seminary, Rochester's former famous ladies' boarding school. Her marriage to Mr. Atwell, rising young attorney and also native of Lima, took place Sept. 28, 1887. The couple lived here until Mr. Atwell's death. There were no children in the family. Later Mrs. Atwell sold the spacious residence on East Main street, their home for nearly a score of years, and moved to the Powers hotel, Rochester, continuing to make her home there until her death.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Atwell was active in the Universalist church at North Bloomfield, but in Lima attended the First Presbyterian church. In Rochester she returned to the denomination of her youth. She was a leading member of Lima Quaere club during her residence here, and, until her passing, of Irondequoit chapter D.A.R.; also of the Rochester Century club.

Mrs. Atwell leaves her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dean G. [Martha Windecker] Martin, Sr. of Honeoye Falls and Rochester; nieces and nephews, Mrs. A. W. Beale, Rochester; Mrs. Richard Lawrence, Detroit; Mrs. C. F. Garfield, Williamson; Mrs. A. J. Anthony, Hot Springs, Ark.; Harwood Martin and R. H. Martin, Honeoye Falls; G. H. Martin, Lima.

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