[Avery, Ruth A. Pickens]

Mrs. Ruth Avery Dead

Mrs. Ruth Avery, 90, widow of Benjamin L. Avery of Genoa, died at 2 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Sill. Mrs. Avery had been an invalid and nearly blind for several years. About five years ago, she underwent an operation for cataract on one eye, but failed to recover the sight. She had been in feeble health for some time, but was confined to the bed only a few days.

Ruth A. Pickens was born July 14, 1834, in the town of Scipio. She was one of a family of 13 children born to George and Susanna Pickens. She was married to Benjamin L. Avery July 3, 1853, and they came to Genoa to reside nearly sixty years ago. Mr. Avery's death occurred here in 1900.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mary Sill of Genoa, a son, Attorney A. Geo. Avery of Spokane, Wash., two grandchildren, Dr. Geo. T. Sill of Allentown, Pa., and Mrs. Harlan Peyton of Spokane, Wash., and four great-grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, Geo. Pickens of Groton.

Mrs. Avery was a member and active worker of the Universalist church of Genoa which was disbanded some years ago. She became a member of the Eastern Star lodge of North Lansing many years ago.

Funeral services were held at her late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. H. M. Quincy officiating. Mrs. Frankie Brown sang "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." There were beautiful pieces and bouquets of flowers from sympathizing friends. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in the Genoa cemetery.

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