

[Babcock, Etta Downs]

MRS. ETTA DOWNS BABCOCK

A very sweet and useful life ended March 23rd when Mrs. Etta Downs Babcock, wife of Henry Babcock, passed away at her home in Fly Creek. She had been in failing health several weeks.

The funeral was held at the home in Fly Creek Sunday afternoon, the Reverend Mr. [Charles] Kramer, Universalist minister at Cooperstown, officiating. Interment was made at Schuyler Lake.

Mrs. Babcock was a daughter of James Putnam Downs and Mary B. Austick Downs, and was born in Schuyler Lake on August 23, 1853. Much of her life was spent in Schuyler Lake where she was a member of the Universalist Church. She lived also in Fly Creek and for a shorter period in Richfield Springs.

She was married three times, her first husband being Horace Watson, the second, Frank Hooker, and the third, Henry Babcock, who survives. There also survive two sons, Dr. Kenneth D. Watson and Ward A. Watson of Richfield Springs; three grandchildren, Kenneth H. Watson and the Misses Iona and Eleanor Watson; one brother, Dr. S. J. Downs of Richfield Springs, and a niece, Mrs. Harrie V. Frink of Richfield Springs.

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