

[Baker, Minnie Barber]

MRS. MINNIE BARBER BAKER

Mrs. Baker was born the tenth of October, 1859, on a farm located on the road leading from the Old DeKalb road to Eddy, the daughter of George Barber and Amanda Rice. George Barber was formerly well known in Canton, he being a brother, of Nathan and Lyman Barber, all old residents of the town. Mrs. Baker's mother died when she was born...Mrs. Barber left two daughters, an older one, Ella, who passed away many years ago and who became the first wife of Loren Wainwright, and Minnie who married Royal Baker, for a long time a highly esteemed business man in Canton, and who was associated with Mr. James Donihee in the building of the Donihee-Baker store. For many years Mrs. Baker was a loyal and efficient member of the Universalist Church. She was most efficient in her own home, "looking well to the ways of her household and eating not the bread of idleness." She was a woman with many friends and she appreciated them and deserved them, for she was herself most companionable and friendly. She was one of the wisest and best of mothers as is evidenced by the sons who went out from her home. Some years ago she and her husband went to live with their son, William, at Ovid, N. Y., the husband passing away soon after, and where Mrs. Baker recently passed away. She leaves two sons, William, for more than twenty years an employee in a state institution at Ovid, and Roy of Detroit, Mich. William attended St. Lawrence University but did not graduate. Roy is a graduate of St. Lawrence and also of Clarkson Tech, and is a highly competent and successful civil engineer. She leaves also several cousins, among them Dr. Ross Barber, formerly of Canton; Mr. Charles Barber, and Mrs. J. M. Payson of this village. Mr. George Barber had one daughter by his second marriage, Mrs. Benjamin Wood, who passed away at her home in Watertown about two weeks ago. Mrs. Baker's funeral was held from the Universalist Church Thursday afternoon, December 11, Dr. J. M. Payson, assisted by Rev. Emerson H. Lalone, officiating, with burial at Evergreen. Both sons were present at the funeral.

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