

[Barney, Martha Ann Horton]

OLD LADY IS GONE

Mrs. Martha A. Barney, Born in 1825, Passed Away at the Home
of Her Son, A. W. Barney, Thursday of Last Week
FUNERAL WAS HELD SATURDAY

Mrs. Martha A. Barney, one of the oldest residents of this place, passed peacefully away at the home of her son, A. W. Barney, Thursday morning about 10 o'clock. She had been gradually failing in strength for a number of weeks and her death can only be attributed to old age.

Martha A. Barney was born at Norway, Herkimer county, N.Y., May 28, 1825. She was the daughter of Luther and Clarissa Horton and the last one of ten children to pass away. Her girlhood was spent at Norway where she was a school teacher. It was the profession of teaching that brought her here to this section, and later her parents and the family moved here. The country was in those days little better than a wilderness and it was necessary to drive from Dansville, the end of the Genesee Valley Canal at that time.

[On] January 17, 1852, she became the wife of Levant A. Barney, who died about five years ago [in 1904]. Alvin W. Barney is the only surviving one of the [four] children born to them.

Mrs. Barney was a remarkable woman, physically and mentally, retaining her faculties to the last. She was kind, generous, devoted to her family, and always ready to help those in need of her services.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence, Saturday, Rev. James Herrick [Universalist] officiating, and interment made in Independence cemetery.

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