

[Barnum, Laura Pierce]

Mrs. Laura Pierce Barnum

The death of Mrs. Laura Pierce Barnum occurred at the home of Mrs. Keziah Mason at Middlefield Centre, on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, April 16th, where she had resided for the past nine years. Mrs. Barnum was the daughter of Benjamin Pierce and Polly Bowen Pierce, and was born on the Levi Bowen farm in the town of Middlefield, March 8, 1829, and was one of a family of thirteen children.

Her husband, Abijah Barnum, died some years ago. For twenty-three years Mrs. Barnum was an invalid from the effect of a shock [stroke] which she sustained. She bore her suffering with patient courage until the end.

The body was brought to Cooperstown, Sunday evening, where it was taken to the home of her brother, Horace M. Pierce. The funeral services occurred at the home of Mr. Pierce, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. W.G. Cortright, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. Interment in Lakewood cemetery.

Mrs. Barnum was a member of the Second Universalist society of the town of Otsego [Cooperstown]. Besides the brother mentioned above, she is survived by two sisters and four brothers, Henry B. Pierce of Bridgeton, N.J., Sumner W. Pierce and Alfred C. Pierce, both of Junction City, Kan., Arthur Pierce of Cement, Okla.; Mrs. Ellen Hardcastle of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Amy Leis of Chicago; one son Curtis A. Barnum, of Clark's Summit, Pa., and two grand-children, Miss Laura P. Barnum of Cooperstown and Harold Barnum of Utica.

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