

[Bates, Nancy Clark]

Nancy Clark Bates

Mrs. Nancy Clark, widow of the late George E. Bates died at the home of her brother-in-law, David Benjamin, near Brocton, last Thursday morning, August 14, 1913, aged 73 years. She was the daughter of Dr. Lemuel and Eliza Clark, and was born October 24, 1839. Later the family moved to the farm near Summerdale, where she lived until her marriage with George E. Bates, October 13, 1859. To them were born two girls and five boys. Of these one daughter, Mrs. F. W. Plato survives; also three sons, W. L. Bates of this town, Jesse of Mayville and Herman of Lighthouse Point. Two sons died when quite young, and one daughter, Mrs. Helen Bates Price, a few years ago [in 1895]. Mr. Bates died in 1907.

Mrs. Bates, accompanied by her brother, Milton Clark, went to Brocton two weeks ago to attend the centennial celebration, their father's family having been residents of the town many years ago. The next day she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered consciousness although at times she seemed to, partially.

The remains were brought here Thursday night by Undertaker Porter o Mayville, and the funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Plato, with whom she had lived the past year. Rev. W. G. Price [Universalist] conducted the service and Mrs. Kittie Sheldon and Miss Hinckley of Chautauqua sang two duets. The remains were taken to Chautauqua cemetery for burial beside her husband and children.

Mrs. Bates was a woman of fine character, a devoted wife, mother and friend. With a life rounded out both in years and faithful service, she passed away as she had always hoped to do, without a long and painful illness, to join the loved ones who have gone before.

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