

[Bement, Selecta Dryer]

Mrs. Heman D. Bement passed from this life, March 28, 1893. The funeral was held at her late home, on Church street, Victor, Thursday, March 30th. The services were conducted by Rev. Chas. Legal, pastor of St. Paul's Universalist church. Selecta Dryer was born in the town of Cazenovia, Madison Co., N. Y., the 23d day July, 1805. Her father's name was Rufus Dryer, her mother's maiden name Lydia Cobb; her parents moved to this town (then Bloomfield) in 1808. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dryer, only one survives. Wm. & Truman Dryer, known and respected for so many years in Victor, were brothers of the deceased. Mrs. Bement outlived nearly all of her generation. She lived in Victor when it was but a hamlet; [before the] Erie canal or even the stage lines were in operation. She remembered when mail was brought to Victor only once a week. She lived in Victor during the Morgan excitement, and remembered the exciting events connected with it. She lived during the rise of mormonism, and remembers seeing some of the principal actors in that movement. On Nov. 13th, 1825, she married Heman D. Bement, and after more than 50 years of married life he died leaving five children, of whom three are still living, Geo. D. Bement of this village, with whom the mother lived until the end; Mrs. H. L. Allis, of Albion, N. Y., and John D. Bement, of Charlotte, Mich. After living amid these shifting and transient scenes for nearly eighty and eight years she passed on to join the great host beyond.

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