

[Berzee, Margaret Walrath]

MRS. MARGARET W. BERZEE, ST. JOHNSVILLE'S
OLDEST RESIDENT, TAKEN BY DEATH

Descendant of Revolutionary Family Would Have Celebrated Her 92nd
Birthday on July 15; Born on the Dutchtown Road in the Town of Minden
and Was Member of Universalist Church

ST. JOHNSVILLE—Mrs. Margaret Walrath Berzee, St. Johnsville's oldest resident, died early yesterday morning at her home here. She would have been 92 on July 15.

Mrs. Berzee was born on July 15, 1840, on the Dutchtown road in the town of Minden. She was the daughter of the late Jeremiah Walrath and Mary Zoller. Her entire youth was spent on the farm home of her parents. Following her marriage to the late Moses Berzee the couple resided in Mindenville where Mr. Berzee conducted a store at the canal lock for a number of years. From there they moved to this village, locating on Kingsbury avenue. It was at the home on this street that Mrs. Berzee had resided for many years with her sister, Miss Carrie Walrath, and at which she died yesterday.

Mrs. Berzee had been crippled for a number of years but had been in her usual health and perhaps a trifle better than usual all Winter and Spring. She was looking forward to her coming birthday and had often expressed her desire to live to real old age, as many of her relatives had done. She was proud of being the oldest resident of this community. Stricken worse on Memorial Day her condition has been serious ever since.

Mrs. Berzee is of a fine, respected family, and her ancestry is traceable to the Revolutionary days. She took delight in telling in her interesting manner of events which occurred long before most people can remember and which to her were misty but cherished memories.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Carrie Walrath, with whom the deceased resided, and one brother, Seward Walrath, also of this village. There are several cousins and distant relatives.

Mrs. Berzee was a member of the Universalist church in Minden, but lately had been interested in the Grace Congregational Christian church of this village. The pastor of this latter church, the Rev. Albert B. Hotchkiss, will preach the funeral sermon at the home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Interment will be made in Prospect View cemetery.

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