

[Bickford, Emily Watkins]

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Mrs. Homer Bickford, whose maiden name was Emily Watkins and who was born in Victor in 1834, died at the family home in Adrian, Mich. on Monday February 9th. Mrs. Bickford had been in failing health for some time, and in the fall while visiting in the east she contracted a cold from which she did not recover and which aggravated the difficulty with the heart which had developed with a general decline.

It was in April 1856 that Emily Watkins was united in marriage to Homer Bickford. In the first year of their married life her mother [Caroline Watkins] died and not long after the father [Marshall Watkins] passed away, and the two younger sisters and the brother [Burtis] then became members of the Bickford household. The brother died later but the two sisters have resided with Mr. and Mrs. Bickford all these years. The early part of the married life of the Bickfords was divided between Victor and Macedon, N.Y. In 1896 they became residents of Raisin Valley, Mich., buying the farm which the family still owns though they retired to the city nine years ago.

Mrs. Bickford was the daughter of Universalists and always continued that faith. She was devoted to her home but loved the society of her friends and was highly regarded in her home community. In her immediate circle she leaves the widower and the two sisters, Miss Ada and Miss Mary Watkins. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bickford. All are buried near the old family home in the East, two of them in the same coffin, having died the same day of diphtheria.

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