

[Billings, Mary Ann Blair]

LEBANON

March 18—The sudden death of Tuesday evening of Mrs. Mary Ann Billings was unexpected to her friends and neighbors, although she had been ill with a stomach and heart trouble for some time, but to all appearances was getting better. On Tuesday night she was taken suddenly ill, and before a physician could be summoned death had rid her of all her pain. Mrs. Mary Ann Blair Billings was the only surviving member of the family and had lived alone for many years, having no very near relatives. She was a Universalist in belief and a woman of the strictest honesty and integrity, respected and loved by all who knew her. She was in her eighty-first year. The funeral was held at the house on Saturday at 1 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Kalina preached the funeral sermon, Rev. Mr. Flick also being present. The nearest relative living, George Blair, a nephew from Buffalo was also present, three great nieces, six nephews were present from Earlville and this place. Interment was made in the village cemetery. Mrs. Billings' father's family was among the earliest settlers always residing here.

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