

[Bliss, Ada Freeman]

NINE CHILDREN LEFT MOTHERLESS

Our Schuyler Lake reporter writes: Mrs. Henry [Ada] Bliss, who has been lying between life and death for a number of weeks, finally fell asleep in death, Sunday morning, May 23. Mrs. Bliss had been a resident of this village ever since a girl, and had the respect and esteem of all her neighbors and acquaintances. She was 43 years of age and leaves a husband, an aged mother, Mrs. Kate Freeman, who was living with her, and nine children¹, Mrs. George [Kate] Flansburg of this village and Volney, her oldest son, who is employed at Herkimer; the rest, including a babe only a few weeks old, living at home. It is indeed sad to think of a family being deprived of a mother's care and counsel and especially for those of the family who are just in that period of when they so much need the care that none but a mother can give. The family has the sympathy of the whole community in this their sad bereavement. Besides the members of her immediate family, she is survived by two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Yolney Plume of Canandaigua, Mrs. D. C. Twogood of Canastota, George Freeman of Little Falls and Morgan Freeman of Canastota, who kindly cared for his sister during the latter part of her sickness. Orlando Sutherland of New York, a brother-in-law, was also present at the funeral. The funeral was very largely attended from the Union church at 2 p. m. on Tuesday and was conducted by the Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward [Universalist]. The floral tributes were large and very beautiful. Interment in our village cemetery.

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¹ They were Volney, B. 1872; Inez, B. 1873; Morgan, B. 1875; Marguerite, B. 1877; Imogene, B. 1879; Kathryn, B. 1880; Ralph, B. 1882; Harry, B. 1884; and Dever, B. 1896.