

[Blood, Catherine M. Dayton]

MRS. CATHERINE M. BLOOD

Catherine M. Dayton was born in Potsdam, N. Y. April 26, 1820. She was the daughter of Isaac and Matilda Gage Dayton, and the fourth child of a family of eight children of which George G. Dayton of Potsdam, now in his ninety fourth year, is the only one remaining. In the year 1840 she was married to Amos Blood. Six children were born to them, four surviving, Zelia A. Owen, Freeman A. and Elmer E. of Potsdam and Fred G. of Denver, Colo. Julia E. died in 1846 and Lefe E. Goodale in 1902. She leaves seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Her life was spent in Potsdam and more than sixty years in West Potsdam. Since last September, though not confined to her bed, she had been in failing health and her granddaughter Mrs. Amorette Petrie and her son Freeman's wife cared for her tenderly through the winter. [On] April 8th, she had a fall, breaking a bone in her hip. Dr. Botsford assisted by Dr. S. P. Brown put the bone in place and did everything possible, but the shock of the fall and the pain was too much for her feeble strength and on Sunday, April 11th, at 11 o'clock a.m. she peacefully passed to spirit life. The funeral was in the church on Thursday, April 15th, at ten a.m., Rev. Frank Masseck, pastor of the Universalist church of Potsdam officiating. Mrs. Fannie Towne Clark sang very sweetly two selections. The King's Daughters of which order she was a charter member attended in a body. Her three sons and her oldest grandson were her bearers. During her long residence in this vicinity "Aunty Blood," as she was affectionately called endeared herself to a large circle of neighbors and friends—always ready to help in time of sickness, giving freely of her sympathy and strength to those in sorrow or trouble of any kind. She has an abiding place in the hearts of all who knew her best. A woman of great strength of character, possessed of the sterling qualities of honesty, courage and faithfulness, she has but passed on to receive her reward. While we mourn her loss yet are we comforted for we know that with her "all is well."

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