

[Bowen, Calista Remington]

Death of Mrs. Calista R. Bowen

Mrs. Calista Bowen, widow of the late Col. Hezekiah Bowen, died at the home of her daughter on West Center street, this morning, aged nearly 95 years.

Although feeble owing to her advanced age Mrs. Bowen had been remarkably free from ill health and her death came quite suddenly at the last simply from old age.

Mrs. Bowen was born at Sennett, near Auburn, Jan. 14, 1820, and was the daughter of Rufus and Deborah Remington. In 1842 she was married to Hezekiah Bowen and some years later, in 1855, they came to make Orleans county their home and she had resided in and near Medina ever since. Not many years elapsed before the breaking out of the Civil War and while her husband was at the front, Mrs. Bowen was active in the work which fell to the wives of soldier husbands and in the societies which carried on that work. All her life she had been energetic and active. Blessed with a remarkable constitution and wonderful health she was yet appreciative of the afflictions of others and quick with ready sympathy and help. Always quiet, unobtrusive, and thoughtful of others she made many true friends who came more and more to appreciate her rare qualities of mind and heart as the years passed. For she was indeed a remarkable woman. Widely read, she was of strong and pronounced opinions yet liberal in her consideration of others and she was always well abreast of the times during all her long life.

As one by one the friends of her young womanhood passed away she made friends in new generations and for many years her birthday anniversaries were events looked forward to, not only by herself, but by all, both old and young, of those who met to do her honor. And her death was fitting. Peacefully, gently, naturally as the leaves fall and the summer passes, having lived a life useful and good, she sank to her rest.

The surviving family consists of her daughter, Mrs. Helena Adelaide Howell; three grandchildren, Mrs. B. A. Chubbuck, of Brockport, Fred B. and Claude B. Howell, and one great-grandchild, Roland Howell, of Medina.

The funeral will take place from her late home on the Gravel road on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Charles H. Vail, of the Pullman Memorial [Universalist] Church, conducting the services. Burial will be in the family lot at Boxwood cemetery.

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