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MRS. REBECCA L. BRADFORD

Mother of President of Oneida Bank Died at Newport

Mrs. Rebecca L. Bradford of Newport, mother of George L. Bradford, president of the Oneida National Bank of Utica, died at her home in that village Saturday night, aged 93 years. Mrs. Bradford sustained an injury to her spine last January by a fall, and since that time she had been in failing health. Had she lived three weeks longer, she would have been 94 years old.

The deceased was born May 27, 1822, on Berkshire Hill, three miles from Cheshire county, Mass. She came of Yankee stock. When she was still an infant her mother died, and she was brought up by her grandparents, whose names were Converse. Her father remarried and located near Poland, Herkimer county, about 10 miles north of Utica. At the death of her grandfather she went to live with her father, and has lived in Herkimer county ever since. In January, 1843 [on the 24th] she married Hopestill Bradford. The family lived on a farm for some time, but in 1844 moved to Newport, Herkimer county, where she has since lived, occupying the same house. Her husband, Mr. Bradford, died in May, 1904 [on the 14th], at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. Bradford was highly educated, an industrious reader and well informed on topics of the day. She was a life long member of the Universalist Church of Newport and a loyal friend. She was of a charitable disposition and beloved by all in the community. She was proud of her New England ancestry, and every few years would revisit her native home in Massachusetts. The last trip she made was in the summer of 1909.

Mrs. Bradford was the mother of three children. Two daughters died, one [Alice E.] at the age of seven and another [Lovina C.] at the age of 15 years. She is survived by one son, George L. Bradford, president of the Oneida National Bank of this city, and two granddaughters [Reba and Florence].

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