

[Brayton, Mary Jane Rockefeller]

CLIFTON SPRINGS

Clifton Springs, July 5.—At 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the family home two miles north of this village was held the funeral services for Mrs. Brayton<sup>1</sup>, wife of Rev. J. J. Brayton, whose death occurred on Sunday evening last. Mrs. Brayton was in her seventy-second year and had been a resident of this locality for the past fifteen years, her husband being the pastor of the local Universalist church for a period of several years, about ten years ago, after which he retired from active church labors, and had resided upon their farm home. Mrs. Brayton was interested in church work and had a large number of friends in this village and immediate vicinity. She is survived by her husband, who has the sympathy of the community in this the time of his great sorrow.

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Obituary.

On July 2d, after an illness of about one week, occurred the death of Mrs. Mary Jane Rockefeller Brayton, wife of the Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton, at their farm home near Clifton Springs. Mrs. Brayton was the daughter of William and Rachel Vanderhoof Rockefeller, of the noted Rockefeller family. She was born on December 16, 1835, at the Rockefeller farm, north of this village, and was educated at Phelps Academy. She was married to the Rev. J. J. Brayton on November 3, 1853. At that time Mr. Brayton was pastor of the Universalist Church in this village. She lived many of her years in Lawrence, Mass.; South Hingham, Mass.; Jersey City, N.J.; Auburn, Nunda and Friendship, N.Y., her husband having pastorates in these places. She bore the reputation among the clergy of the "Model Minister's Wife." About fifteen years ago they retired to their farm home near this village.

The funeral services were held at the home on July 4th, and were conducted by the Rev. Mr. [Franklin F.] Buckner, of Newark. The interment was made in River View cemetery, in Gypsum.

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<sup>1</sup> Married: At Clifton Springs on Thu 3 Nov 1853 by Rev. O. F. Brayton, Rev. J. J. Brayton, pastor of the Universalist society at Clifton Springs and brother of the officiating clergyman, and Mary Jane Rockefeller of Gypsum. (*Christian Ambassador*, Auburn NY, 12 Nov 1853 and the original journal entry of Rev. John Mather Austin.)