

[Bridger, Ellen Gazley]

Mrs. Jacob S. Bridger

Ellen Gazley, wife of Jacob S. Bridger, passed quietly away at her home on Pioneer street in Cooperstown on Friday afternoon, September 21st, at 1:45 o'clock following several weeks' illness. Mrs. Bridger had for two weeks been a surgical patient at Thanksgiving Hospital. Realizing the fact that the best of service which had been given her at that institution could not conquer her malady, the fatality of which was certain in the near future, at her request she was removed to her home.

Mrs. Bridger had been a resident of this village since 1876, when she came here from Pultneyville, N.Y, where she was born, to reside with the family of her uncle, the late Captain Peter P. Cooper, who conducted a boat livery at the foot of Pioneer street for many years, and where under the captain's careful training she became one of the most expert oarsmen and sailors on the waters of Otsego Lake.

In the City of Rochester, October 20th, 1896, she was united in marriage to Mr. Bridger at the home of her cousin, and came to Cooperstown following the wedding and had resided here since, where she had formed a large circle of acquaintances who deeply feel the loss of a kind neighbor and loyal friend.

Mrs. Bridger was in her sixty-first year and is survived by her husband, a brother, Armine H. Gazley of this village, and a sister, Miss Elizabeth Gazley of Pultneyville, N.Y.

The funeral, which was private, occurred from her late home on Pioneer street at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, the Rev. Charles Kramer, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating. The interment was made in the family plot in Lakewood cemetery.

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