

[Brown, Helen Sprague]

MRS. BROWN DEAD IN HER 94TH YEAR

Member of One of the Oldest Families of the City—Had Made
Her Home in Jamestown Continuously Since Close of Civil War

Mrs. Helen S. Brown died at her home, 59 Prospect street, Monday evening, at the age of 93 years and 17 days. She was a member of one of the oldest families of the city, her parents being James L. and Mary M. Sprague. Mr. Sprague was a member of the firm of Sprague & Steel, who conducted for many years one of the first foundries and machine shops in Jamestown. It was located on Taylor street on the site of the present cold storage building.

Mrs. Brown was born at Fly Creek, Otsego county, New York, June 10, 1828. She spent much of her girlhood in Westfield, but previously resided a short time in Rochester. She came to Jamestown with her parents about 1844. She was married here Jan. 21, 1862 to Henry E. Brown and after a short time passed at Clear Creek, this county, moved in 1855 to Iowa City, Iowa. They returned to this city about the close of the Civil war, and she has lived here continuously since that time. Mr. Brown died in 1897.

When they first went to Iowa City, it was the capital of the state and the trip west of the Mississippi river was made by stage, the railroad not having been extended beyond the river.

Mrs. Brown was a woman of strong intellect, cultivated literary taste and had read extensively of the best authors. In faith she was a Universalist, but [the Universalist church having closed] had been interested in the Independent Congregational church and the present Unitarian church. She leaves a son, Charles H. Brown.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday from the home, 59 Prospect street.

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