Mrs. Mercina Coats

This community has been called upon again to mourn the passing of one of its oldest residents. Mrs. Mercina Coats was born in the town of Independence, Feb'y 25, 1849, the second daughter of Jason and Lucretia Richmond Harris. She was married to Andrew Jackson Coats in 1864. To this union were born three children: Mrs. Metta Vanderbeck of Whitesville, Jason Coats, who died about 25 years ago and Charles Coats of North Hill; three grandchildren, Guy Coats, Mrs. Harley Hawks and Mrs. Lewis Scoville, ten great-grandchildren, one brother, E. B. Harris of Wellsville, two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Payne of Payneville and Mrs. Mary Goodridge of Bolivar also survive besides a large circle of other relatives and friends. In early life Mrs. Coats united with the Universalist Church and remained a true and faithful Christian until the Master called her to her reward March 22, 1924 at her home on North Hill. Mrs. Coats was a great sufferer of heart disease for about ten years but bore it all with patience and always looking on the bright side of life.

She was tenderly cared for by her daughter, son and sister through her last suffering which was very intense at times. She was a kind and loving wife, mother, sister, and friend to all.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to the one who does all things well.

The funeral was held Tuesday, March 25th at the Universalist church at Whitesville, Rev. Dr. Todd officiating. Burial in Rural cemetery.

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