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MARS. MARK M. COLBY

Death OF Well Known Utican Occurred at Her Summer Home

The death of Josephine E., widow of the late Mark Morse Colby, occurred early yesterday morning at her summer home at North Bay, Oneida Lake, after an illness of three months' duration.

Mrs. Colby was a native of this city, but went with her parents to Oneida when she was a child. She was educated there and remained there until her first marriage, when she moved to Brooklyn. Nine years later she went to Memphis, Tenn., remaining there about 14 years. Upon her coming to this city 15 years ago, Mrs. Colby took up her residence at 87 Lafayette street and up to the time of her death had made her home there. She was a member of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist] of this city, and was very actively interested in the societies connected with it.

Mrs. Colby was honorary president of the Woman's Political Economy [Equality] Club [devoted to women's suffrage] at the time of her death, having served as president for many years. She was also connected with the Woman's Christian Association, where, as in the other organizations her efforts were unselfishly lent in the promotion of its aims. For the last 15 years she had been an ardent member of the New Century Club, and there, as elsewhere, she drew to herself a large circle who learned to cherish her friendship, and admire her womanly qualities. Those surviving include three sons, John W. Ball of Rochester, Charles Ball of Ball, Wyo., and Frank Ball of Opie, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren, a niece, a sister and a brother in New York and two nephews of Brooklyn.

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A BELOVED RESIDENT  
Death Claims Mrs. Josephine E. Colby

One of Utica's best known and most highly esteemed residents passed away Sunday in the death of Mrs. Josephine E. Colby, which occurred at her summer cottage at North Bay. While she had been in ill health for some time, her death was not expected and came as a great shock to her many friends and acquaintances. Of a refined, gentle disposition she will long be held in loving remembrance.

Mrs. Colby was born in Utica but spent her girlhood days in Oneida. She married Daniel B. Ball and the couple moved to Brooklyn and later to Memphis, Tenn., where Mr. Ball died. She then came to Utica and had since resided at 87 Lafayette street. Shortly after coming to this city she married Mark Morse Colby, who died in 1903.

Mrs. Colby was very active in local organizations. For the last 15 years she had been a member of the New Century Club and took a deep interest in its welfare. She was also a prominent member of the Woman's Christian Association and did all in her power to further the work of that organization. But it was in the Woman's Political Equality Club that Mrs. Colby was most active. Enthusiastic over its principles, she worked zealously and ardently for their furtherance. At the time of her death she was its honorary president. She was a consistent worker in the principles of woman suffrage and nothing pleased her more than to ride in the recent suffrage parade in Utica. She was also a member of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation.

Surviving are three sons, John W. Ball, of Rochester; Charles Ball, of Ball, Wyo.; and Frank Ball, of Opie, Wyo.; 10 grandchildren and a sister and brother in New York. The funeral was held from her home, 87 LaFayette street, Wednesday morning, Rev. George Cross Baner of the Church of the Reconciliation officiating. The bearers were: George Camp, William B. Foster, Ward H. Ball and Asa R. Ball. Burial was made in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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