

[Cornish, Martha McKennan Brewster]

AGED RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. Martha Cornish Passed to Her Reward Early Thursday Morning

It is our sad duty to record the death of another aged resident, who passed out of this life on Thursday last. Mrs. Margaret M. Cornish, a lady of the highest character and most gracious qualities, so beloved that she was called the familiar and endearing name "grandma," by many besides her grandchildren, has gone to her reward. Had she lived till next July she would have been 90 years of age, and up to Sunday, March 22nd she had enjoyed unusual health for one of her years, having assisted in the household duties at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Guy C. Dewey, with whom she had resided ever since Mr. and Mrs. Dewey's marriage. She was active and prided herself on her excellent eyesight, being able to read and enjoy her spare moments in this way, though her memory had begun to fail. Sunday evening she was seized with pneumonia and lingered until early Thursday morning.

Mrs. Cornish was born in Quebec, her parents having married in Ireland and come at once to the New World. There is a romance connected with this marriage. The mother of Mrs. Cornish was of high birth and displeased her parents because she married the man of her choice. This was the underlying reason for their emigration to the American continent. The mother died and Mrs. Cornish at the age of seven years was adopted by Oliver Brewster, one of Malone's leading citizens and land owners, who brought her up amid the comforts and with all the advantages of a splendid home. Mr. Brewster then resided where Centenary M. E. church now stands and owned the land extending northward to the paper mill. In 1838 she married Horace D. Cornish and together they resided all their married life in Malone with the exception of three or four years spent in Kansas. Their home for many years was the place on Duane street now owned and occupied by Frank Miller.

The deceased in her residence of over 80 years in Malone saw it grow from a small hamlet into the present prosperous village of nearly all the proportions of a city. She was a lady of most-self-sacrificing spirit and was never so happy as when ministering to the comforts of her friends. In her old age she enjoyed the loving care and attention of her grandchildren, Mrs. Dewey and Fred H. Cornish, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cynthia Cornish, these being her only near relatives. Mrs. Cornish's maiden name was Margaret M. McKennan, but she was always known before her marriage as Margaret Brewster. She was a member of the old Universalist church and a regular attendant upon its services until the edifice ceased to be used for purposes of worship. The funeral occurred from the home of Mr. Dewey on Saturday, Rev. J. A. Macintosh officiating; interment in Webster St. cemetery. Horace D. Cornish died in 1889.

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