

[Currier, Mary Ann Harris]

MRS. CURRIER DEAD IN HER 93d YEAR

Oldest Resident of Cuba Called from Scenes of Earth

Time had Dealt Gently with Her Though She Had Great-Great-Grandchildren

The hand of death has fallen heavily on the community of Cuba during the past few days, and a large number of our people have been called from scenes of earth; more perhaps, then within the same period in any recent years.

Among those who passed away was Cuba's oldest resident, Mrs. Mary A. Currier of 12 Church street, who was in her ninety-third year. Reference has already been made to Mrs. Currier's illness, and to the fact that when the bells rang for the peace jubilee early on the morning of November 11th she said, on being told what it meant, "I'm proud to have lived to see this day." After that she said several times she did not care to live longer; she was satisfied with the days that had been given her and hoped she would soon be called home. After failing steadily she passed into rest, on Tuesday evening of this week, a little before 6 o'clock, without sign of suffering.

Mrs. Currier's funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, with services at her late home by Rev. Leonard, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in Cuba cemetery.

Mrs. Currier was born in Henrietta N.Y., on February 18, 1826, her father, Thomas Harris, having come to this country from Sussex, England, and being engaged to contract work on the Canal. In 1846 Mary Harris married Abraham Searle who died within a few years, leaving her with three children. One of these has since died—Charlotte, wife of James Jordan of Michigan. Surviving are Herman S. Searle of Rochester and Lucy, wife of Henry F. Clapp of Cuba. She also leaves eleven grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and four great great-grandchildren.

In 1856 the deceased married William Currier and they moved to Cuba living here on a farm at Clarksdale for the remainder of their lives. Mr. Currier died in 1902, in his ninetieth year.

Mrs. Currier was not only a remarkable woman, but one whom it was a delight to know. Always smiling always helpful, always interested in others, her presence was a benediction to those about her. Until a little before her death her mind was as clear as any one's, but recently while still as keenly interested in affairs, her memory did not serve her as formerly, and that was a matter of keen regret to her.

Mrs. Currier and her husband were members of the Universalist church when there was a congregation in Cuba. After it disbanded they did not join any other church, but attended Presbyterian services.

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FUNERAL OF CUBA'S OLDEST RESIDENT HELD YESTERDAY

Cuba, Dec. 7.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Carrier [sic], Cuba's oldest resident was held yesterday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. F. O. Leonard of the Presbyterian church at her late residence on Church street, the burial being in the local cemetery. Mrs. Carrier [sic] was born at Henrietta, N.Y. on February 18, 1826. She was married to Abraham Searl to whom she had three children, Charlotte, wife of James Jordan, since dead, Herman S. Searle of Rochester, and Lucy, wife of Henry L. Clapp of Cuba. Her second husband was William Currier and with whom she came here to reside in 1856, and farming at Clarksville. Mr. Currier died in 1902, age 90. She leaves eleven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

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