

[Curtis, Betsey Pliana Counrod]

SCHUYLER LAKE

[On] Thursday morning, Oct. 4th, Mrs. B. P. Curtis passed away at her home in this village, thus ending the struggle with disease with which she had been badly handicapped for many years. B. Pliana Curtis was the only daughter of Calvin and Minerva Perkins Counrod and was born in the town of Otsego February 13, 1837. When three years of age she moved with her parents to a farm at Exeter Center, where she lived until she was united in marriage with Damon C. Curtis, Dec. 23, 1863. After their marriage they resided at the Curtis homestead in the town of Exeter, sometimes moving to the village during the school term, when Mr. Curtis taught the village school and singing school, Mrs. Curtis acting as assistant in the former occupation. In 1870 they moved to Springfield, where Mr. Curtis engaged in the mercantile business for 12 years, when they sold out the business and moved back to this village, and in 1885 moved into the beautiful home they had built. Mr. Curtis died Dec. 4, 1892, since which time her brother, George M. Counrod, has lived with her. For several years past she has been an invalid and has been growing gradually more and more helpless, until for several months past she had been unable to move a muscle, her physical condition being one of untold misery. Her brother and Mrs. S. Palmer of Cooperstown, who has been with her for over six years, have faithfully cared for her during these trying times, with a little outside help occasionally, until the last three or four weeks, when a nurse was employed. Although [w]racked with bodily pain and in an extreme nervous condition, she retained her interest in the things of life to a remarkable degree. She was a woman of strong personality and interested in all good works, and when her health permitted was ever ready to lend a helping hand where it was needed. She was highly respected and esteemed wherever she was known. She leaves, beside the brother above mentioned, one niece, Mrs. Geo. A. Roulstin of Syracuse with her family, and one nephew Willard Conrad of Utica and his family. The funeral was held from the home Saturday at 2 p.m., Rev. L. [Lewis] H. Robinson [Universalist] of Herkimer conducting the service, and interment was made in the family plot in the village cemetery.

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