

[Downey, Jessie Coolidge]

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The death of Mrs. H. E. Downey occurred at her home in this village Wednesday, March 22d, 1905, at 5:30 o'clock in the morning. About a year ago Mrs. Downey contracted a severe cold from which she never recovered, and leaving her in a weakened condition. Mrs. Downey fell an easy prey to the dread disease consumption, which caused her death. Mrs. Downey has been confined to the house since last fall, but was able to be up and around the home till last Saturday afternoon, when she was taken much worse, and failed rapidly until the end came, last Wednesday morning. Mrs. Downey was a patient sufferer, murmuring not though she could not hope to be any better in this world and knowing that the end was near. All that the loving care of friends could do was done in the vain hope that it might avail, but it was not to be, the Master had need of her up higher. The funeral was held from the Universalist Church, Friday afternoon, at two o'clock and was very largely attended, Rev. Lines, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. E. M. Roel, conducting the services. The Eastern Star Order, of which Mrs. Downey was a member, were present in a body and took charge of the funeral at the grave. Their ceremonies were very impressive. There was a profusion of plants and cut flowers; especially beautiful was the floral offering presented by the ladies of the Star lodge, in a design of a star, the emblem of the order, also a beautiful bouquet [sic] of cream white roses sent by relatives that live in Canton. By the large number of friends that followed Mrs. Downey to her last resting place in the Fort Jackson and Hopkinton cemetery was shown the esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Downey was before her marriage Jessie Coolidge, daughter of Smith and Emily Coolidge, and was born in Newberg, Geauga Co., Ohio, January 17, 1868, making Mrs. Downey 37 years, 2 months, 5 days old when she died. When quite a young girl her parents moved to this village, where, with the exception of a short residence in Dickinson Center, has since been her home. On the 26th day of November, 1890, in the village of Parishville, Jessie Coolidge was united in marriage with H. E. Downey, also of this place, by Rev. Thomas Brockholm, to them was [sic] born three children. Mrs. Downey leaves to mourn her death her husband and children, a mother, Mrs. Emily Coolidge, also one sister, Mrs. Fred Lawrence, of Lisbon, and two brothers, Ira and Charles Coolidge, of this village, besides numerous other relatives. Mrs. Downey was a kind neighbor, loving wife and tender mother, caring but little for society, her interests being centered in her home, where she will be greatly missed. Mrs. Downey's belief was of the Universalist faith. The community extend their heartfelt sympathy [sic] to Mr. Downey, in this time of great affliction in the loss of his wife.

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