

[Eldredge, Mary Ann Matthews]

Mrs. Mary Ann Eldredge

Mrs. Mary Ann Eldredge died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wesley R. Howe, Monday evening of this week at ten o'clock. She had been in poor health and confined to her bed for a long time because of the encroachment of old age. She would have been 86 years old next October. The funeral will be held from the home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, and it is expected that Rev. J. [James] M. Payson [Universalist] will conduct the services.

Mary Ann Matthews was born in New Haven, Vt., and came to Potsdam with her parents when she was fifteen months old, eighty-five years ago. Her father was one of the first settlers of Potsdam. He was a stone mason by profession and many of the old buildings of the town were constructed by him and are still standing. After receiving the usual education to be obtained in a country town, she was united to A. W. Eldredge in 1835. Mr. Eldredge was a Potsdam shoe dealer at the time but later went into farming, residing in the town of Potsdam and other towns near that place for practically the balance of his life. He died at the home of his son in Malone, in 1897. Five children were born to them, four of whom are living, Loyal W., of Canton, Frank A., of Malone, Mrs. W. R. Howe, of Canton, and Loren D., of Rochester. Mrs. L. L. Jackson, of Potsdam, is her sister. Her brothers are William Matthews, of Potsdam, Amos, of Eldorado Springs, Mo., and Ransom, of FitzGerald, Geo.

Mrs. Eldredge has resided for several years with her daughter in Canton save for two years in Malone, where her husband died. She was a bright and cheerful woman, bearing patiently all sorrow and suffering that came to her lot, and she was dearly beloved by her children, who surrounded her with loving care. Her death was peaceful and she was cheery to the last.

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