

[Farmer, Louisa Homer]

MRS. LOUISA M. FARMER

Mrs. Louisa J. Farmer, widow of Francis Farmer, died at the home of her son H. [Herbert] G. Farmer, Gouverneur, at 9 Saturday evening, January 19th aged 82 years. She had been out of health for some time before the previous Thursday when she suffered an attack of cerebral apoplexy and from that time until she died she remained in a semi-unconscious condition.

Mrs. Farmer was born in the town of Fowler July 5, 1825 and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Homer, who were among the pioneer settlers of that town. She was educated in the district schools and in the Gouverneur Wesleyan Seminary. On December 25 1842, she was married to Francis Farmer and immediately afterward settled up on a farm in Fowler near Hailesboro. They remained there until 1867 during which time Mr. and Mrs. Farmer were among the leading people of that town. From Fowler they moved to Canton to avail themselves of the splendid educational facilities afforded there for their children. In Canton as in Fowler they were among the prominent people at the County Seat. Mrs. Farmer was distinguished for her beneficence and the grace and purity of her character. Few homes were more attractive than hers and in few was there a more cordial welcome.

Mrs. Farmer was a life long member of the Universalist church and was one of its staunchest and most consistent members. While residing in Fowler she and her husband were instrumental in organizing the Universalist Union Society at Hailesboro in 1860. During that year Major Henry H. Haile donated the land and the present church erected and on January 2, 1861 fifteen pews were sold, netting over \$900. Through Mr. and Mrs. Farmer's liberal support the church attained great influence. Upon their removal to Canton she took the same active interest in her church here. She was associated with several local charities and was one of its most prominent members.

For many years Mrs. Farmer was conspicuous in the social life of Canton. Her husband died Feb. 1, 1897 and then she went to Gouverneur and made it her home with her son, H. G. Farmer, on Rowley street.

Mrs. Farmer had many friends in Canton where her work and character were known. Hers was a serene old age and her disposition was most amiable and her ways were kindly and gentle.

In Christmas tide 1892, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer celebrated their golden wedding surrounded by their children and friends of a life time.

Mrs. Farmer is survived by four sons, N. E. Farmer, Dr. G. S. Farmer of Watertown, H. G. Farmer of Gouverneur and F. A. Farmer of Syracuse, and one daughter Mrs. H. E. Gilchrist, of New Orleans, La., besides one brother Orvis Homer of Gouverneur and three sisters, Mrs. G. A. Bowman of St. Louis Mo., Mrs. Laura A. Partridge, Pasadena, Cal., and Mrs. Francis Hilts of Gouverneur.

The funeral obsequies were held at 2 Wednesday Jany. 23rd, from the home of her son H. G. Farmer, the Rev. Dr. Gunnison of Canton officiating and interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

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