

[Felt, Amelia Isham]

MRS. J. M. FELT PASSES AWAY AT SON'S HOME

Widow of Former Sheriff, Known in North Country as Investigator

Mrs. Amelia Isham Felt, 82, widow of James M. Felt, former sheriff of Jefferson county, died at her home, No. 920 Boyd street, this morning at 7 o'clock. She had been in failing health for the past four years and had been confined to her bed the greater part of this time. Death resulted from infirmities of age.

She was born in Southampton, Mass., on December 31, 1843, a daughter of William and Martha Loomis Isham. When she was a year and a half old she removed with her parents to a large farm in the town of Rutland near Tylerville, where she lived for three years. This farm is now occupied by her nephew, William Isham.

Later she removed with her family to a farm in the town of Rodman, where she lived until her marriage. Fred E. Isham, a nephew, occupies the farm at the present time.

She was married in 1866 to James M. Felt, a farmer residing in the town of Adams, near Smithville. Mr. and Mrs. Felt lived on this farm until 1872, when they moved to the town of Watertown, where Mr. Felt died in 1920. At one time James M. Felt was sheriff of Jefferson county and took an active part in political affairs.

Mr. Felt was one of the best known peace officers of the North Country. He was sheriff during the investigation and trial resulting from the Emory E. Van Schaick murder by Arthur Duncan in 1884. He won a high reputation as a criminal investigator in this and subsequent proceedings, and was employed as a special detective by the county during the probe resulting in conviction in the Allen murder case at Sacket [Sacket's] Harbor in 1897. He also was engaged in investigation in capital crimes in St. Lawrence county.

Upon the death of her husband, Mrs. Felt moved to this city, where she had since resided with her son, Charles J. Felt. She was a member of the Women's Relief Corps, daughters of the American Revolution, and the Ladies' Aid society of All Souls Universalist church.

Surviving are two sons, William J. Felt of Spring Valley, and Charles J. Felt of this city, and three grandchildren, George Felt of Boston [and] Janice and William Felt of Spring Valley.

The funeral will be held from the home, No. 920 Boyd street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be made in Brookside cemetery.

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