

[Fletcher, Caroline Brownell]

MRS. C. C. FLETCHER PASSES AWAY

Aged Fort Jackson Woman Dies There

Fort Jackson, Sept. 14.—A wave of sadness was felt as the message passed from mouth to mouth of the sudden death of Mrs. Caroline Fletcher early on the morning of September 6, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. Holcomb, on Merchant street.

The deceased was born in the town of Potsdam May 16th, 1888, daughter of Rensselaer and Electa Merchant Brownell. She was the fourth daughter born to them, a family of nine daughters and two sons and is the last one of that family.

On November 25, 1859, she was united in marriage with Charles Fletcher of Stockholm and to them was [sic] born three daughters and two sons, Dr. Frank Fletcher, of Vermont; Alvah, whose death occurred six years ago; Mrs. Levi Fayette, Mrs. Mette Holcomb of Fort Jackson and Mrs. Will Martin, of Endicott.

Seven years of her first married life were passed on the old Fletcher farm in Stockholm. Then they came to a farm purchased on Merchant street where they established a wonderful, prosperous, happy home, in their devotion to each other, and their growing children. Then came Mr. Fletcher's death in February, 1903, and his son Alvah, then married, took over the management of the farm to it's [sic] advantage, for his father was a very studious, scholarly man, a great reader rather than a farmer. After her son's death the deceased, still with her daughter in law, resided on the farm for three years. Then it was sold to her grandson Floyd Dunn and she went to live with her daughter Bertha, where she has had the tenderest care that could be given, in every way. For years her advanced age, and heart trouble made her health very delicate, yet she had seemed particularly well for her, the past few weeks, and especially the day before her death. The summons came suddenly and very peacefully and another of our aged, respected and honored residents has gone.

Mrs. Fletcher as long as her health enabled her was a very busy woman with household duties and her needle, her hands never idle, until two years ago a broken wrist called a rest.

The funeral was held at the home on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. L. H. Garner, Universalist pastor at Potsdam, assisted by Rev J. A. Sypher of Nicholville, officiating. She was a member of the Universalist church here, one of the first to join, and very strong in that faith. The interment was beside her husband in Hopkinton-Fort Jackson cemetery. She leaves besides her four surviving children who were present six grandchildren, one Claud Holcomb, who has written the interesting letters from Alberta, and whose health demanded his long journey. Three great grandchildren also survive. More people than the house could hold were in attendance, and beautiful flowers from hot houses and gardens, filled every available place. Mrs. Fletcher retained her keen, bright mind to the very last moment of her life.

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