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RHODA FOLTS

“Aunt Rhoda” at Rest—Resident of Frankfort Four Score Years and More

Mrs. Rhoda Folts, widow of the late Hannibal Folts passed away at the home of Mrs. J. G. Goodier on Saturday, August 4, 1917, aged 84 years.

Ellen Rhoda Dodge was the daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth Potter Dodge, born in Frankfort Jan. 9, 1833, the greater part of her life having been spent here. She was married twice and leaves a son, Sanders Dodge of Syracuse by her first husband. Her second husband was Hannibal D. Folts, who died about 25 years ago. Mrs. Folts was a very bright and well-informed woman, an interesting conversationalist and a great reader, and had many friends here to whom it will be comforting to know that in her last days she was free from pain and suffering; her cheerfulness was retained to the end, and for those about her she had a smile, which did not belie her assertion that she was happy and contented. Her whole life had been such that there was nothing but the joy and gladness of the resurrection morn to look forward to and her faith had long years ago taught her to live in joyous anticipation of her reunion with dear ones gone before. The transition was peaceful and she fell asleep with a countenance that showed no suffering, nothing but contentment. A fitting end to a Godly life.

She was a member of the Universalist Church and always devoted to its interests. While her health had been failing for a long time she retained all her faculties and her interest in the affairs of the day.

She had practically made all the arrangements for her funeral some years ago, when she wrote a letter and sealed it, to be opened at her death, in which she selected her funeral text and named the bearers she wished to act, and also directed that five of her lifelong friends should be provided with carriages at her funeral, and all of those named, Mrs. A. V. Joslin, Mrs. Abigail Waterbury, Mrs. Alice Kenyon, Mrs. Louisa Reese and Mrs. Helen Cleland have already passed on to the great hereafter.

The funeral was largely attended from her late home on Monday afternoon, Rev. Lewis Robinson, pastor of the Universalist Church in Herkimer, officiating, preaching from the text long ago selected by the deceased: “She hath done what she could.” Mrs. Wm. Dennis and Mrs. Seddon Hall sang “Abide With Me,” and “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.” Mrs. Folts had requested that all those present join in singing the latter hymn, and as far as possible this was done. The bearers, also selected by Mrs. Folts, were Lynn Joslin, A. S. Seaman, W. H. Waterbury and Irving E. Richardson. The body was laid to rest in Oak View Cemetery.

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