

[Frutchey, Helen Louise Coe]

Death of Mrs. Frutchey

Mrs. H. Louise Coe Frutchey died at her home on Thursday evening, Feb. 4th, after a painful illness of a few weeks, which a weak heart and the advanced age of 82 years could not withstand, and despite all That loving hearts and hands could do she passed away. She was the youngest of a family of eleven children. Her parents, John C. and Anna D. Coe, came to Livonia in 1815, coming overland with their three children with a horse and cutter, all the way from Connecticut, and first located on the farm now known as the Will Wood farm. A few years later they bought the old home farm, now known as "The Maples," where Mrs. Frutchey was born, and lived all her life. How much she loved the old home! and many times remarked, when returning from a tour of sight-seeing and pleasure, "We have seen many beautiful places, but oh, there is no place so dear and restful as this." In 1876 she was married to Mr. P. [Peter] G. Frutchey, and their voyage of life together has been a most happy one for nearly two score years; and in her last illness the devoted husband hoped against hope that she might be spared to be the light of the home yet a little longer, and Mr. Frutchey has the heartfelt sympathy of all who know of his true devotion. She leaves an adopted daughter, Miss Sarah M. Draper, and ties of blood could not weave a stronger bond of affection than existed between these two, so closely brought together, and by whom she has been so tenderly cared for in her declining years. In social circles, her genial nature and rare intellectual qualities won a host of friends, whose hearts are saddened that they will hear her cherry voice no more. To all worthy appeals for charity her purse was never closed. In business matters she had large experience, and there was perhaps not a better informed woman in the county, and through this medium she had an extended acquaintance, and her counsel was often sought. She was a fond lover of flowers and everything rare in nature, as the surroundings of her home have long verified. She was a devout believer and supporter of the Universalist faith. The Rev. Clara Morgan of Perry was summoned to officiate at the funeral on Monday, at 1:30 o'clock, and who spoke words of comfort to those who knew and loved her. The large assemblage of friends and the beautiful floral tributes were as a silent witness of the high esteem in which she was held throughout the town. She was the last surviving member of this large and influential family. She was laid to rest in Oak Ridge cemetery, where sleep kindred and friends, and only a little way from the chapel that she so generously gave for the comfort and convenience of this community, and it will long remain a monument to her memory.

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