

[Goodwin, Laura Chapman]

MRS. LAURA CHAPMAN GOODWIN

Mrs. Laura Chapman Goodwin, oldest member of the Daughters of Friendship association, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the advanced age of 95 years, 5 months and 11 days. She was born in Friendship, May 5, 1838. For many years her home has been in Hornell. Her oldest brother, John K. Chapman, was also remarkable for the age to which he lived. He died in March, 1931, at the age of 94 years.

Mrs. Goodwin attended the Daughters of Friendship reunion and banquet here last July, the oldest person attending. In spite of her age, she has [had] lived alone, doing her own work, until the accident two weeks ago which led to her death.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon with burial at Hornell.

The following obituary is reprinted from the Hornell Tribune-Times of Tuesday:

Mrs. Laura Goodwin, 95 years old, sister of the late J. K. Chapman of this city and last but one of the noted family, died last evening at Bethesda hospital where she had been a patient for two weeks since a fall at her home in which she sustained a fractured leg.

Mrs. Goodwin, despite her age, lived alone and was quite active in affairs of the Universalist church of which she was a member. She recently attended a reunion of associates in the village of Friendship where she was born and was honored as the oldest woman present.

Following her accident, however, she failed rapidly until her death last night. She is survived by a brother Harrison Chapman of Elmira; two nieces, Mrs. W. O. Pierce of Union street, this city, and Mrs. W. A. Gilbert of Elmira.

The body was removed to the Robertson funeral home and tomorrow morning will be taken to the Pierce home where funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The Rev. Clara Morgan of Cohocton [formerly of Hornell] will officiate and interment will be in Rural cemetery.

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