

[Harris, Jane M. Coffin]

Mrs. V. H. Harris, Oldest Resident of Newport Is Dead

Newport—Mrs. Varnum H. Harris, oldest woman resident of Newport, who, with her husband, observed the 73d anniversary of her marriage last Thursday, died at her home in this village yesterday following a week's illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Harris had been confined to his home by illness since September.

Jane M. Coffin was born in Deerfield, Nov. 27, 1837, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Amy Coffin, and was married to Mr. Harris of this village in North Gage, Jan. 24, 1856, by the Rev. George Pratt. She had resided in Newport 68 years and in 1915 she and her husband received a congratulatory letter from President Coolidge on their 59th anniversary.

Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Anna Mather, and three sons, Myron, Sherman B. and Morgan C., all of Newport.

Funeral services will be held from the late home at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the Rev. W. H. Skeels, pastor of the Universalist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the family plot here.

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