

[Holcomb, Olive Rosalie Butterfield]

COLTON

Death of Mrs. John Holcomb

Mrs. Olive B. Holcomb died at 11:45 Monday morning, May 20, at the home of her son, John M. Holcomb, where she had resided for several years. Death, at 92, was due to the infirmities of old age. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the Universalist church, Canton, the Rev. Dr. John Murray Atwood, dean of the St. Lawrence University Theological School, and the Rev. Edna P. Bruner, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in the White Church cemetery, Crary Mills.

Mrs. Holcomb was born on the Butterfield homestead, Butterfield Road, the daughter of Benjamin and Lucy Plumber Butterfield, Oct. 2, 1853. She was married at the Universalist church, Canton, Oct. 3, 1905 to John A. Holcomb who died in 1923. As a child she was afflicted with cataracts of the eyes but this trouble was later corrected. She sang in the Universalist church of Canton for many years.

Mrs. Holcomb's grandparents, Ephraim and Mehitable Lewis Butterfield, were married in Vermont in 1804, and moved into New York State about the time of the war of 1812, finally trekking [sic] in ox carts to this section in 1815. Mr. Butterfield served as a Minute Man in that war. His son, Benjamin, built a large and beautiful house on upper Butternut Ridge, now occupied by a Dorothy family, and it was in that house that Olive Rosalie was born in 1853.

Survivors are the son, John M. Holcomb of Canton; a nephew, Earl M. Butterfield, also of Canton; a niece, Mrs. Marion Smith, Parkersville, W. Va. Her cousin, Judson H. Butterfield, recently sold the original homestead, retired, and lives in Canton.

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