

[Hunt, Mary Elizabeth Clark]

Mrs. J. Palmer Hunt

Mary Elizabeth Clark, widow of the late J. P. [Palmer] Hunt, died at her home on Center street, Thursday morning, at the advanced age of 84 years. Mrs. Hunt was the last of her generation and was at the time of her death the oldest woman born in Perry. Her parents, Greenleaf and Betsey Clark, came to Perry from New Hampshire in 1845. They bought 50 acres of land now within the Corporation limits, four acres of which had been cleared, a log house built and frame house started. This was finished by Mr. Clark, being the first frame house erected in the village. Two years later, in 1817, Mary was born. Here she grew to womanhood and with the scant educational advantages of those early days she developed a decidedly strong and independent character, not one whose independence was objectionable, but one to rely upon and whose friendship was as lasting and true as memory. Her entire life had been spent in Perry, [she] never having been out of town more than six weeks at any one time. She married Palmer Hunt in 1860. He died in 1892, and since that time she has lived alone, watched over and ministered to, as occasion might require, by her nieces, Mrs. D. R. Millard of Rochester and Miss Sarah Clark of Perry, and her stepdaughter, Miss Celia Hunt. She was a regular attendant at the Universalist church when health and strength permitted. She was one of the pioneers whose life spanned the development of Perry; one who witnessed and could recall its every step of progress—a connecting link between the past and present. The funeral was largely attended from the late home of the deceased on Center street, Saturday afternoon, Rev. Charles Palmatier officiating, assisted by Rev. O. C. Herrell. Burial at Hope cemetery.

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