

[Lawton, Emma Priest]

EMMA LAWTON, 83, DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS
Native of Rodman Ill but Three Days—Widow of Albert Lawton

Mrs. Emma A. Lawton, 83, widow of Albert Lawton, died at her home, No. 132 Woodruff street, this morning at 1:20 o'clock. She had been ill only a short time, death resulting from gallstones. Mrs. Lawton was unusually active for a woman of her age. On last Saturday afternoon she walked from her home to the square, where she shopped, and then walked home. On Sunday she was taken ill and was confined to her bed.

She was born in the town of Rodman on February 20, 1843, the daughter of Hiram and Lydia Whaley Priest. Her early life was passed in the town of Rodman, where she attended the rural schools and received her early education.

She was married in Rodman to the late Albert Lawton, a former well known farmer of the town of Watertown. She moved with her husband to this section, where they resided until 1905, when they moved to this city.

Mrs. Lawton will be remembered by many of the older residents of this city as being the victim of a malicious attack by robbers who entered her home in the town of Watertown while she was alone in the house. After robbing the house the men pummeled Mrs. Lawton and left her in the house in an unconscious condition.

In 1905 Mr. Lawton retired from farming and moved to this city, where he died two years later. Mrs. Lawton had since lived in this city.

She was a member of the Watertown grange and of the All Souls Universalist church.

Surviving are one son, Ray Lawton, of Lacona; one grandson, Eldon Lawton, also of Lacona; one sister, Mrs. Saretta L. Simmons, of the Henry Keep home, and four nieces, Miss Lena Vandervoort, Mrs. Anna Greene, Mrs. Jeanette Miller, all of this city, and Mrs. Frank Horn, of Rochester.

The funeral will be held from the family home, No. 132 Woodruff street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be made at Adams Center.

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