

[Lewis, S. Helen Smith]

BRIDGEWATER

Mrs. S. Helen Lewis, whom we all have come to know through her poems in the Utica daily papers, and who was for many years a resident of our town, died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. [Alice, wife of Walter Abial] Cook, in Frankfort, Wednesday morning. She was born Oct. 2, 1829, in Norwich, daughter of Rev. Thomas J. and Martha [Chapin] Smith. Rev. T. J. Smith was the first pastor of the Universalist Church here. In 1847 she [Helen] married Edwin Lewis. He died in 1899. Since that time she has lived in the home of her daughter. For the last 18 years she has been a great sufferer, but nothing could quench her bright, cheery spirit, and her ready wit found a joke or a fitting story to enliven every passing hour. Her brave patience was ever contagious, and when her infirmities and extreme deafness made her doubly a shut-in she found great recreation in her pen. Her active mind continued superior to her afflicted body. A brave soul and a helpful friend and mother will be greatly missed. Besides her daughter she leaves a son, T. J. Lewis of Utica. A daughter died some years ago. Seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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