

[Mack, Harriet A. Pitcher]

SERVED IN PLACE OF BLIND BROTHER

Name Never Appeared on Army Rolls

DAUGHTER OF 1812 DIES

Father of Mrs. Harriet A. Mack Served in War of 1812,
to Take Place of Brother, Who Was Blind.

Mrs. Harriet A. Mack, a real daughter of the War of 1812, died at her home, 736 Caldwell street, at an early hour this morning, following several months' illness, aged 73 years. Mrs. Mack had been in failing health for a long time because of her advanced age.

Mrs. Mack was born in the town of Pamela, the daughter of Aruna and Catherine Pitcher, July 7, 1844. She spent the greater part of her life at the Pitcher homestead and remained there until she was married 47 years ago to the late Edward H. Mack. Mr. and Mrs. Mack came to this city ten years ago, making their residence at 736 Cadwell street. Mr. Mack was a retired farmer.

Mrs. Mack's husband died April 16, 1914, following a short illness. Mrs. Mack was a member of the All Souls Universalist church.

Her father, Aruna Pitcher, who was living in the town of Pamela at the outbreak of the war of 1812, enlisted in the militia at Sackets harbor in a peculiar manner. His brother, who had been called upon to serve in the militia, was totally blind, and Aruna Pitcher, assuming his brother's name, went in his place as a private, and answered the roll call of his brother in the company. At the close of the war Mr. Pitcher went back to his farm in Pamela. His name never appeared on the records but no service was accredited to his brother, who did not serve.

Mrs. Mack is survived by three nephews, County Clerk Perley A. Pitcher, Bert A. Pitcher of Eagle, Wis., and Sherely Pitcher of Detroit, Mich.; five nieces, Miss Minnie D. Pitcher, a High school teacher in this city, Ida F. (Roiler? Roller?) of St. Paul, Minn., Jennie Truax and Ada Wheeler, both of Geneva, O., and Katherine Burkhart of Erie, Pa. The funeral will be held from her late home Wednesday at 2:30. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed will officiate, and interment will be made in North Watertown cemetery.

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