[Mathews, Amelia Wood]

Death of Mrs. Alvah Mathews

Mrs. Amelia Mathews died at her home in Brocton, Sunday, December 8, 1912, aged about seventy-three years. Her last illness was only of a few days' duration, though he lower limbs had been paralyzed for many years. It is thought the paralysis extended to the body until the action of vital organs was stopped, which caused death.

Mrs. Mathews was the oldest child of Martin and Mary Beebe Wood, and was born in New Berlin, Chenango Co., N.Y., December 20, 1839. When about ten years old her parents came to Chautauqua county and soon after settled near Summerdale. Here she grew to maturity, attending school and teaching for several terms. [On] August 24, 1862, she was married to Alvah Mathews, who soon after left for the front with the 112th Regiment and who survives her. Their Golden wedding was observed last August by a large company at their home in Brocton.

To them were born six children, one, a little girl, dying in infancy; a second, also a girl, died when about eleven years old while the family lived at Stockton; three sons and one daughter remain, Geo. M., Vernon, and Edward, all residents of the town of Portland, and Miss Mary Mathews who has always lived at home.

She was a woman of intelligence and highest character—with a sunny, hopeful disposition, which through her many years of partial disability, kept her brave and helpful to all with whom she came in contact. If she ever became discouraged, it was not known even to her closest friends, and her cheerful looks and words were an inspiration and an example to all. Truly her family and large circle of friends may console themselves with the thought that she has fought a good fight and entered into that rest to which she is so justly entitled.

The funeral was held at Brocton this afternoon, Rev. O. [Otis] F. Alvord of Girard, Pa., officiating. Burial in the Union cemetery at West Portland.

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