

[McNeil, Mary Ann Boynton]

Mrs. Mary Ann McNeil passed to the beyond at her home in this village Saturday, September 9, after an illness of five days, and her body, under a profusion of fragrant flowers, mementos of love, was laid to final rest on the 12th. Mary Ann Boynton was born at Evans Mills, Jefferson County, New York March 8, 1820, and moved with her parents to Michigan in 1832, experiencing the privations and hardships belonging to the territory and wilderness, as settlers of Clinton township. She was united in marriage to Archibald McNeil July 4, 1836, and moved to the township of Tecumseh. In 1852 they came into the village of Tecumseh where she resided until her death. She was the mother of eight children, all of whom grieve her. Since the death of the husband and father, she has lived in the old home with her four daughters and was very tenderly cared for. She united with the Universalist church class at the time of its organization, August 1866, remaining a faithful and worthy member to the last. Of a quiet, even make-up, she passed calmly down the stream of life into the harbor of eternal repose, enjoying the personal regard and esteem of all who knew her during her long years. She was idolized by her children who, after their first great grief, must find comfort in the sweet memory left them to cherish.

M. S. R.

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