

[Moyer, Betsey]

OTSEGO COUNTY

RICHFIELD SPRINGS, March 30.—(Special.)—Miss Betsey Moyer, a very highly esteemed old lady, was buried Friday at Van Hornesville. Her age was above 84 years. Twenty-five years ago she told her brother, Peter, with whom she lived, that she wanted Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward [Universalist] of Richfield Springs to preach her funeral sermon should he be living at the time of her death. At the same time she put away two gold dollars, and said that she wished to have them given to Mr. Ward in addition to any fee that might be given to him for his services at her funeral. In accordance with her wishes, Mr. Ward officiated at her obsequies yesterday, and the gold dollars she had kept laid away so long were given to him.

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MONAWK VALLEY GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

From "The Jacob S. Moyer Family of Van Hornesville, N.Y."

By D. W. Kaufmann, Dearborn, Michigan

11. Betsey Moyer. Born March 17, 1812 on her father's homestead near Van Hornesville. Unmarried. Died March 24, 1896, at place of birth. According to Mesdames Joslyn and Kaufmann, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Countryman of Van Hornesville, Howard H. Hawn of Pontiac, Mich., and others, she and her sister (14) Lucinda spent their entire lives from birth to death on their father's homestead. Neither of them married, and after their father's death they kept house for their brother (12) Peter, also unmarried. They were very quaint characters, with mannerisms such as wearing sunbonnets constantly, even indoors. According to Howard H. Hawn "they were the nicest old ladies you could imagine," and he had many pleasant youthful memories of their various kindnesses. The writer has portions of a set of Sandwich glass dishes, once the property of Betsey, and presented by her to Harriet Ann (Moyer) Joslyn.

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