

[Neeley, Maria Loucks]

Obituary.

Died, in Belfast, June 5th, 1889, Mrs. Justice Neely¹, aged 70 years. She had been a great sufferer for nearly three years but bore it all with christian confidence and trust. She was born in Herkimer county in 1819. Her maiden name was Maria Loucks. Soon after settling in this town, she was united in marriage to Mr. Justice H. Neely [Justin H. Neeley] with whom she lived happily for 43 years. Three children, Reuben Neely, and Mrs. Charles Shuart of this place, and Mrs. Elias Benjamin of Allen, survive her. A pair of twin babes who were born in 1850 preceded her to the heavenly home. They were beautiful children, and were interred in the same grave. "Of such is the kingdom of Heaven." Mrs. Neely was warmly attached to her friends, a faithful wife, an affectionate mother, a kind neighbor and a true woman in all the relations of life. In her religious faith she was a Universalist, and at her request, Rev. F. M. [Francis Milton] Alvord of Friendship officiated at her funeral, which was held at the residence of her son-in-law, C. D. Shuart on Friday, June 7th. It was largely attended by her old neighbors and friends who all seemed to realize that a good woman had gone.

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¹ A death notice for her husband in the *Cuba (NY) Patriot* of Thur. 18 Sep 1894 gives the spelling of his name as Justin Neeley.