

[Norton, Elizabeth Bronner]

Death of Mrs. Solomon Norton

Mrs. Elizabeth Norton, whose serious condition was noticed in the last issue of this paper, died at her home in this village on Thursday of last week. She was eighty years of age. Previous to receiving the first attack of paralysis, about three weeks before her death, she was seemingly in her usual health, enjoying the society of her friends and keeping up at her great age many of the duties and cares which she was only too willing to assume. The second attack followed in about two weeks, and precluded all hope of her recovery. She lay in an unconscious condition up to the time of her death. Previous to her marriage to Mr. Norton, which occurred fifty-six years before the Sunday preceding her death, her name was Elizabeth Bronner, and her home was in Warren, Herkimer county. She was a sister of Mrs. Seeber Lipe of this village. She came to this village immediately upon her marriage, and for over half a century her circle of friends have [sic] been widening, taking in all who had the privilege of enjoying her acquaintance. Her husband with four children survive her. The latter are Solomon A. Norton, D. O. Norton, Mrs. Garret [Julia] Surnear, of this village, and Mrs. John Finehout, of Canajoharie. The funeral services were conducted at the residence on Sunday last by Rev. E. W. [Elhanan Winchester] Fuller, assisted by Rev. M. W. Taylor [both Universalists]. Sympathising friends gathered in such large numbers that a large proportion were unable to enter the house. The choir of the Church of the Messiah rendered appropriate and exquisite selections on the occasion. The hearty sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. Norton whose companion of fifty-six years has passed away from his side, but the fact is consoling that she had lived a happy and well spent life, and died surrounded by a loving circle of her own family.

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