

[Norton, Fanny Stevens]

*To the editor of the Gazette:*

Once more we have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of the aged members of our community. Death has taken from us Mrs. Fanny Norton, better known among her friends as "Aunt Fanny" who resided in the northern part of the town. Mrs. Norton was the daughter of Abial and Marcy (Haskell) Stevens, and was the eldest of six children, of whom but two now survive her. One of the survivors is her sister Alma, of Bethany, Genesee county, the widow of Luman Stevens, who for several years was superintendent of the poor of that county, and the other is N. J. Stevens, now a resident of Hebron, Ind. Mrs. Norton's father was an early settler, in fact one of the pioneers of the town of Conesus. Mrs. Norton was born at Starfford, Vt., Jan, 7, 1804. Here she remained through her childhood and until her marriage to Seymour Norton at the same place on the 13th of April, 1828. Mr. and Mrs. Norton resided at Strafford for a few years and then removed to Bethany, and from there to Foot's Corners in the town of Conesus. They afterwards removed to Rochester and then to Bradford, Ill., where they lived eight years, and then moved to Alden. At Alden Mr. Norton, who was a well-known music teacher, died on the 5th of April, 1871, at the age of 66 years. Mrs. Norton continued to reside there with her daughter Luvia until 1879, when they came to Conesus, and here Mrs. Norton died on the 5th inst. Her family consisted of seven children, namely: Margaret, who married E. T. Cross (now deceased) of Alden, and who is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Geo. W. Mead. Mr. Mead is an extensive fruit packer of San Francisco. Her second daughter, Harriet, is the wife of the late Wm. King of Buffalo, who was a well-known druggist. Mrs. King's daughter is the wife of E. G. Felthousen, of the firm of Felthousen & Sherwood of Buffalo. Her third daughter, Luvia, resided with her mother at the time of her death. Her fourth child, Walter, is now a resident of Floyd, Ia. He was in the army, serving under Gen. Palmer, and is nearly blind in consequence of exposure. The fifth child, George, who lives in Sheffield, Ia., arrived in town the next day after his mother's burial. The sixth son was Charles P., who died at Alden June 6th, 1872, and the seventh was Charles E., who died at Conesus Feb. 16th, 1844. Mrs. Norton was a Christian lady, a woman of charitable disposition, and gained many firm friends wherever known. The funeral services were held at her late residence on the 6th inst., at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Peet officiating, and the remains were taken to Alden the following day. Mrs. Norton was a member of the Universalist church. It is deeply regretted that on account of sickness and other unavoidable circumstances but [only] one of her children was able to be present at the funeral of this devoted mother.

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