

[Putnam, Mary E. Rosbrook]

MRS. MARY E. PUTNAM DIES

As the Result of a Fall on the Sidewalk of January 22—Close of a Useful Life

Mrs. Mary E. Putnam, aged 85, widow of Prosper R. Putnam, died at her apartments, 106 Huntington street, at 9:30 o'clock Sunday night. Her death was the result of a fall on the icy sidewalk. On Monday, January 22, about 7:30 o'clock in the evening, she started out to attend a meeting of the Daughters of Liberty. She had gone but a short distance from her home when she fell. She struck on the back of her head and was rendered unconscious. She was carried back to her apartment and put to bed. Everything was done for her that could be done but she remained in a stupor until death relieved her of her sufferings.

Mrs. Putnam's maiden name was Mary A. Rosbrook and she was born in Central Square, Oswego county, on June 23, 1831, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Rosbrook. Her father was the constable of Central Square for a number of years. The family afterward removed to Lee, State road, where the subject of this sketch was married to Mr. Putnam. They came to Rome to reside and Mr. Putnam was employed by his father, the late Horace Putnam, proprietor of the Northern Hotel, then located at the corner of James and Dominick streets, on the site now occupied by the Rome Trust Company. During April in the year following their marriage they went to Williamstown, where Mr. Putnam conducted the Checkered Hotel. This was in the year that the old plank road between Rome and Oswego was completed. Later Mr. and Mrs. Putnam went to McConnellsville and kept a hotel. They also conducted the Dexter House at Fulton for a period. At one time Mr. Putnam was proprietor of a hotel in East Rome, located on the site of the present Hotel Byrnes.

Later on Mr. and Mrs. Putnam went to Michigan and located on a farm seven miles from Cold Water. They remained there three years and then came back to Rome. Mr. Putnam was in the restaurant business here for a number of years. He died in this city [on] September 7, 1905. Mr. and Mrs. Putnam celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1898.

She was the oldest member of the Universalist Church in this city. She was also a member of the Daughters of Liberty. She is survived by one son, Horace S. Putnam of Rome. She also leaves one grandson, Charles Putnam, one great granddaughter Mrs. Barton Moore and one great great grandson, Charles Moore of Ilion. One sister, Mrs. Julia Nettleton of this city, survives. Mrs. E. U. Howland, 214 W. Bloomfield street, is a niece of Mrs. Putnam, and the remains have been taken there.

Mrs. Putnam lived a long and useful life. Whatever her hands found to do, she did, and she was never idle. She was very much devoted to her family and her life was filled with good and kindly deeds done for others. Always bright and cheerful she had many friends who will greatly miss her presence.

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