

[Quackenbush, Elmira Shipman]

Died.

On the 8th of January, 1883, after a brief illness, at the residence of Mr. V. Palmer, Richfield springs, Mrs. ELMIRA QUACKENBUSH, aged 67 years, 2 months and 21 days.

Mrs. Quackenbush's father, Mr. Samuel Shipman, came from Connecticut into this state in early life, and the greater portion of his days were passed in Otsego county. The deceased was born, lived and died in this county. Exceedingly attached to the place of her birth and the friends and associations of early life, it was her good fortune to spend nearly all her life in the charmed circle of relations and friends, and finally pass into the valley of shadows, cherished by the same kindly surroundings. Her husband, who departed this life July 10th, 1880, was a man of sterling character. In mind and temperament he was well suited to be her companion. His genial spirit, and active will, and good judgment, were the complement of her own nature. Happily and quietly they journeyed together; their home, always the bright and welcome spot for friends and loved ones. From the time of her husband's death her life seemed broken. The light was gone, the old home desolate, and although loving hearts welcomed her to another home, and willing hands supplied every comfort, still the happiness and contentment of the old time did not wholly return. Her married life was spent at Clarksville, Milford and Springfield Centre, the greater and latter portion being spent at Springfield Centre, where they owned a pleasant lot and cottage. Since her husband's death she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. V. Palmer, residing in Utica and last in Richfield Springs. Occasionally she would visit the friends and scenes of former days. Mrs. Quackenbush was a person of rare character and life. She embodied in her life, in a larger degree than most people, the Christian virtues of patience, resignation, faith and hope. Reserved and unassuming, she had a dignity of bearing and a kindliness of manner that impressed and won all who met her. Possessed of a large and cheerful religious faith, it gave her strength and peace, as the shadows of mortality came over her soul. Loved while living, her memory will remain fresh in the hearts of her friends and acquaintances. By a request made before her death, her friend, Rev. E. E. Peck, of Victor, N.Y., was summoned to attend her funeral. Brief readings of Scripture and a prayer by Rev. S. R. Ward [Universalist] were the exercises at the house. The funeral services were held in the Universalist church at Springfield Centre, where Rev. Mr. Peck spoke from the words, "My soul hath them in remembrance," Lamentations III: 20. Her remains were deposited in the vault at Lakewood Cemetery, Cooperstown, to await burial beside her beloved husband.

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