

[Quaif, Mary Frances Hurd]

MRS. MARY FRANCES QUAIF

The death of Mrs. Mary Frances (Hurd) Quaif, widow of the late Robert Quaif, one of Cooperstown's oldest and most respected citizens, occurred at her home on Chestnut street, Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock as the result of a general break-down due to advanced years. Although past ninety-two years of age Mrs. Quaif had been in the possession of her faculties and very active until about five months ago when her health began rapidly to fail.

Mary Frances Hurd was the daughter of Seth and Sophia Hurd and she was born in the town of Middlefield, May 15, 1836. There she lived until her marriage January 29, 1861 to Robert Quaif, and they moved to the farm in the town of Otsego in the district known as Twelve Thousand which is still owned by Mrs. Quaif's son, Fred L. Quaif, of this village. They lived there for four years and then she and Mr. Quaif came to Cooperstown and took up their home in the house on Chestnut street, where she has continuously resided for the past sixty-three years.

Mrs. Quaif's life was one entirely dedicated to her home and family to whom she gave without stint her loving devotion throughout her many years. Her memory will be revered as a true Christian, an exemplary wife and mother, a sympathetic and helpful neighbor and friend. She leaves a blessed memory in this community which was her home for more years than the span of many lives. A faithful member of the Church of the Messiah, Universalist, her departure from its membership will be keenly felt.

Mr. Quaif died July 28, 1899. Surviving are two sons, Fred L. Quaif of Cooperstown and Robert Quaif, Jr., of Binghamton; two grand-daughters, Mrs. Raymond C. Bennett of Schenectady and Miss Marie Louise Quaif of Cooperstown, and one great grandson, Earl Raymond Bennett of Schenectady. One daughter, Miss Lizzie Quaif, died in 1883.

The funeral was held privately at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. George C. Boorn, her pastor, officiating. Burial was made at Lakewood cemetery.

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