

[Saxe, Celestine Holley]

MRS. ASA SAXE

Wife of Former Pastor of First Universalist Church

Celestine Holley, wife of Rev. Asa Saxe, D.D., died yesterday morning at the family residence at Holley, N.Y., aged 77 years. Mrs. Saxe was born in Ellisburg, Jefferson county, this state. She was married there to Dr. Saxe, November 12, 1850, and soon after with her husband moved to Dexter, N.Y. From there they moved to Madrid, N.Y. and later to Clifton Springs. In 1860 Dr. Saxe became pastor of First Universalists Church in this city and the family resided her for thirty-eight years, the residence being for a quarter of a century in Arnold park.

During her residence in Rochester Mrs. Saxe became a power in her church and was active in the social life of the city. For many years she was closely identified with one of the charitable institutions of the city, the Home for the Friendless, for a number of years being a member of the Board of Trustees. A few years ago the family moved to Holley, N.Y., when her husband retired from active ministerial work in Rochester.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Saxe is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Henry S. [Florence] Hanford, of this city; a brother, D. W. Holley, of Rochester; five grandchildren, Saxe H. Hanford, Josephine Hanford, James H., William and Herbert Hanford, and one great-granddaughter, Emily G. Hanford. The remains have been brought to this city and the funeral will take place on Monday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, No. 525 University avenue. Rev. Dr. I. [Isaac] N. Atwood and Rev. J. [I: Isaac] P. Coddington will conduct the services. The funeral will be private. The interment will be at Mount Hope.

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