

[Scoville, Lydia Hall]

DEATHS.

In Oran, N.Y., March 31, of Apoplexy, Mrs. LYDIA H., widow of the late James Scoville [11 Aug 1772-5 Aug 1847], aged 74 years. The subject of this notice was one of the first settlers of Oran, having removed there with her husband [from CT] fifty-eight years ago, and settled on the farm which was their home until death. Eleven of sixteen<sup>1</sup> children survive her, nine of whom were present at her burial. Sister Scoville was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church about thirty years, during the early part of which time the meetings of that people were held in her husband's barn—then the most convenient place. Her attention was first called to the doctrine of the great salvation by reading Br. D. [Dolphus] Skinner's Letters to Aikin and Lansing, at the time of their publication; and by a course of constant reading and prayerful examination, she found "peace in believing," and for the last twenty-two years of her life, "rejoiced with exceeding great joy." She was indeed, "one of the excellent ones of earth." Her life was an unceasing ministry of kindness, and her praise was upon the lips of all. Never before have I seen a congregation of hundreds gathered upon a funeral occasion, of whom it might with so much truth be said, "they were all mourners." Her interment took place on Sunday, the 3d inst. On the previous Sabbath, she was in usual health, and it was her blissful privilege to listen that day to Br. Skinner, who had been, under God, the instrument of her conversion. On the Wednesday following, she met her sisters at the "Sewing-Circle," at the house of Br. Sutherland, and was unusually cheerful and happy. On her return home, she seated herself in her accustomed place, and commenced reading the Scriptures. In a few moments she complained of "a strange feeling" in her head—retired to her room, and on the morning of Thursday, "entered into rest." "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

C. E. HEWES

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<sup>1</sup> probably including Hiram Hough Scoville, Timothy Hall Scoville, James Alfred Scoville, Amasa Scoville, Lydia Scoville, Julia Scoville, Athelred Scoville, Anna Scoville Herrick Scoville, Selinus Marcus Scoville, Mary Jane Scoville Huggins, Stephen Scoville, Hezekiah Ives Scoville, Harriet Scoville, Joseph Albert Scoville, and Sarah Scoville.

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