

[Shipman, Cora Bowen]

MRS. AMBROSE SHIPMAN

Cooperstown has indeed suffered a keen loss in the death of Mrs. Ambrose C. Shipman, which occurred at her home, No. 31 Nelson avenue, shortly after 10 o'clock on Monday evening. Her health had shown decline since last December, but her last illness had been of only a few days' duration. She suffered two slight paralytic strokes on Friday night, from which she never rallied.

Cora Bowen was the youngest of the five children of the late Levi H. and Ann (Richardson) Bowen, and was born in the town of Middlefield, October 4, 1851, the last member of the family to survive. The old Bowen Homestead was her home until her marriage on October 24, 1871 to Ambrose C. Shipman, also a native of Middlefield, whose death occurred December 11, 1927.

Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shipman went to Macomb, Ill., where they resided for two years, then returning to Cooperstown, which had since valued them among its most influential and beloved residents. Next to her love and devotion for her family, the dearest interest to Mrs. Shipman was her affiliation with the historic old Universalist Church, in which she was one of the most untiring workers, and her greatest anxiety, even during her last weeks of illness, was for the future of the Church, which had already suffered so heavily from the loss of several of its staunchest members. Mrs. Shipman was also a charter member of Otsego Chapter, D.A.R.

The surviving members of her immediate family, to whom the deepest sympathy of the community goes in their bereavement, include an only son, Frank B. Shipman of Cooperstown, and two grandchildren, Mrs. Reynold O. Claycomb of Buffalo, and John A. Shipman of Cooperstown. There are also many nieces and nephews residing in Cooperstown and Middlefield. Deceased brothers and sisters were Mrs. Alfred Pierce of Junction City, Kan., Judge Samuel A. Bowen and Lucien H. Bowen, Cooperstown and Edwin E. Bowen of Middlefield. The death of the last named brother occurred only last spring.

The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late home, the Rev George C. Boorn, pastor of the Universalist Church officiating, with interment in the family plot in Lakewood cemetery.

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