

[Smead, Catherine Harmon]

DEATH OF AN AGED RESIDENT
Mrs. Catherine Smead Dies Aged Ninety-Five Years

Mrs. Catherine Smead died Tuesday in this city, July 16th, at 6 p.m., aged 95 years. She is survived by two sons, George W. Crouch, at whose home she died, and Charles T. Crouch. She also leaves twenty-four grandchildren, sixty-three great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Catherine Harmon was born July 11, 1800, in Cranbrooke, Kent, England. At the age of 18 she married, at Brighton, William Crouch, of Headcorn, and, with her husband, came to America a few years later. She has lived in Rochester since the spring of 1823, her husband dying November, 1843. In 1850 she married John Smead, who died in 1874.

Since the death of her second husband she has made her home with one of her children, of whom there were two living, three of them having died before her.

Deceased was always ready to respond to calls for assistance in sickness or health, births or deaths, in the early days of Rochester, when neighbors depended upon one another. At the time of the opening of the Erie canal she decorated the boat which carried Lafayette. She formerly attended St. Luke's Church. Up to within a year or two of her death all her faculties were unimpaired, and until her last illness, she was able to read without glasses.

The funeral will be held from the residence of her son, George W. Crouch, No. 30 Howell street, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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The funeral of Mrs. John Smead was largely [i.e. well] attended by relatives and friends from the residence of her son, George W. Crouch, No. 30 Howell street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Saxe, of the First Universalist Church, officiated and spoke appropriately of the many generations which the deceased had seen enter upon and depart from this life. The life and character of the deceased was feelingly referred to, as one furnishing a rare example of charitable deeds and constant thoughtfulness for others. A male quartette furnished music and the bearers were all grandsons. They were George W. Crouch, Jr., Frank P. Crouch, Charles C. Crouch, [and] William, John and Charles Mugridge. Burial was private in Mt. Hope cemetery.

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