

[Sterling, Martha S. Wilder]

Mrs. Martha Sterling, 83, Succumbs to Pneumonia

End Came Yesterday Morning After Week's Illness—  
Native of Dexter—Funeral There Saturday

Mrs. Martha S. Sterling, 83, beloved mother of William D. Sterling, died at his home, the Sterling House, in this village at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 29. She had been ill a week with pneumonia.

The deceased was the widow of the late Adolphus Sterling, and was a native and former long-time resident of Dexter, N. Y., where she was born September 20, 1849. Her maiden name was Wilder and her parents the late David and Sophia Fife Wilder. In September 1866 she was married to Adolphus Sterling, the ceremony taking place in Mannsville, with the Rev. William Tripp officiating. Her husband passed away seven years ago.

Mrs. Sterling had made her home here with her son and daughter-in-law for the past eight years. She was a dear old lady who had won the love and esteem of all who had made her acquaintance. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling and family have the sympathy of all in their loss.

Surviving are two sons, William D., Camden, Claude of Dexter, and a daughter, Mrs. Orville Reed, of Camden. She also leaves 6 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Margaret Wilder of Dexter.

Prayer will be held at the home here at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and the remains taken to Dexter for the funeral rites in the Universalist church at 1:30 p. m.<sup>1</sup> Burial in the family plot in the cemetery at Dexter.

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. B. J. Fairchild, former minister at the Dexter Universalist church and a long-time friend of the family, preached the funeral sermon.