

[Underwood, Medora Freeman]

WILL BE BURIED ON HER BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Medora Underwood, 69, Stricken on Visit At Dexter on Thanksgiving, Dies.

(SPECIAL TO THE TIMES.)

Dexter, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Medora Underwood, wife of Charles Underwood, of 217 Central street, Watertown, died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Calkins, in this village, after an illness dating from Thanksgiving Day, when she and Mr. Underwood came to Dexter to spend the day with another daughter, Mrs. S. C. Booth. She would have been 69 years of age tomorrow.

Mrs. Underwood was taken seriously ill late Thanksgiving Day and it was not thought practicable to move her to her home at that time. It was said that she suffered a general breakdown. After about three weeks at the home of Mrs. Booth, she felt improved and decided to go to the home of Mrs. Calkins for a little visit. While at the home of this daughter her condition suddenly became worse and she remained there until her death. Mr. Underwood remained in Dexter with her during her illness.

The 50th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Underwood was Dec. 31, 1918, but because of Mrs. Underwood's condition the couple were unable to celebrate the anniversary as they had planned.

Mrs. Underwood was born in the town of Lyme, Jan. 14, 1850, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Freeman. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood lived on a farm in Limerick for about 35 years. About twelve years ago they retired and went to Watertown to live. Mrs. Underwood was a member of the Woman's Guild of the Universalist church of Dexter, and a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans of Watertown.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Mrs. C. S. [Lena] Booth and Mrs. Arthur [Nellie] Calkins of Dexter; a twin sister, Mrs. Lenora Jenkins, 662 Leray street, Watertown, and another sister, Mrs. Cordelia M. Lehr, Dexter; and two grandchildren, Pauline Booth and Evangeline Calkins, both of Dexter.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 at the home of Mrs. Calkins, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist church of Watertown, officiating. The funeral will be held on the 69th birthday of her birth. Interment will be made at Dexter.

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