

[Washburn, Orissa Barnes Cheney]

MRS. WM. B. WASHBURN

Monday morning at 2 o'clock Mrs. William B. Washburn passed peacefully into rest at her home on Elderkin street. Mrs. Washburn was born in 1834 at West Potsdam. Her father, Daniel Barnes was a native of Massachusetts, but spent his early years in Vermont, coming to West Potsdam in 1823. He was one of the pioneers of St. Lawrence County and blazed his way in with an ax and with almost no possessions except what he carried on his back. He died in West Potsdam in his 95th year, almost a centenarian.

In 1854 Mrs. Washburn married Mr. Moses Chaney of Potsdam who died of consumption in 1875. While at Potsdam she became an active worker in the Universalist church and was of the pioneer members and was also one of the charter members of Potsdam Grange, but afterwards withdrew.

Later she married Mr. William B. Washburn and lived for 26 years at her home, now the residence of Dr. F. J. Fuller, 76 Market street, moving to her last home on Elderkin street about a year ago. Mrs. Washburn has been a resident of Potsdam for 30 years and had no children, but leaves her husband; three sisters, Mrs. H. H. Hatch of Cleveland, O., Mrs. P. J. Houghton and Mrs. D. E. Paine of this village; two brothers, J. D. Barnes of West Potsdam, and Alonzo C. Barnes of Illinois, and an adopted son Mr. Fred Chaney in Colorado, and many friends to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Universalist church; interment at Bayside.

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