

[Webster, Chares I.]

Mr. Charles I. Webster

Among the many who have lately finished their earthly life, and entered upon the immortal, Mr. Charles I. Webster merits a tribute at this time. He was born in Oxford, N.H., in the year 1879; he died in this city, Sept. 10, 1876, in the 88th year of his age.

In his early youth, he removed with his parents to this State, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Here, in due time, he married [Arvilla Fish], founding a home of his own, and has ever since resided in this State. Mr. and Mrs. Webster lived together as husband and wife nearly sixty years. Unto them were born eighteen¹ children, sixteen of whom lived to maturity. One of the sons [James Valentine] died last spring, his death being the first that had occurred in the circle of brothers and sisters in fifty-two years. Fifteen children and twenty-eight grandchildren are now living. All but one of the children—a daughter residing in Minnesota—were present at their father's funeral. Their mother survives their father, to receive the love and care which her children rejoice to bestow upon her.

Mr. Webster's long life was marked by love to God, and by good will to men. He loved justice and righteousness, and the rewards of a just and upright life were his. His home was very dear to him, and he gave affection without measure to his children, who blest [sic] his life and now revere his memory. Beyond the lot of most men his years were filled with peace, and well rounded to the close. As a sheaf of ripened wheat is gathered from the field, he has been reaped from earth and borne to the heavenly garner. He was ready to die, and went with perfect trust.

Mr. Webster was a cousin of Daniel Webster, to whose features his own bore a marked resemblance. The funeral services were held at the Universalist church in this city, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 14, and were conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Keyes.

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¹ Per the memorial for him, #85905914, on Find A Grave, they were Nathan Ezekiel, Cynthia Elizabeth, William B, James Valentine, Ellen Minerva, Ira Orren, Hiram B., Louisa, Mary Minerva, Sophia Jane, George Washington, Jerome Bonaparte, Margaret Elvira, Juliet A, Flavius Josephus, Thomas Jefferson, Francis, and Arvilla.