

[Williams, Fannie Maria Kellogg]

#### DEATH OF OLDEST RESIDENT

Mrs. Fannie Maria Williams, the oldest resident of the town of Otsego and one of the oldest residents of the county, died at her home on Elm street at about 6 o'clock, Wednesday morning. If her life had been spared until June 21st, next, she would have reached her ninety-fifth birthday. Mrs. Williams had been confined to her bed during the greater part of the winter. About three weeks ago she was attacked with the prevailing malady, grip, and she gradually failed until the end.

Mrs. Williams was the widow of the late Isaac K. Williams who died thirteen years ago in June. It is interesting to note in this connection that at the time of his demise he was also the oldest resident of the town. He was at one time editor of the Republican and the author of "The History of Pierstown." Mrs. Williams was born in Pierstown in 1815, one of eight children of the late John Kellogg. She moved to Cooperstown in 1840 and for fifty-eight years the 16th of last March she resided in the house in which her death occurred. She was a very interesting conversationalist and almost to the last maintained her faculties to remarkable degree. She was for years the oldest member of the Universalist church of this village, a faithful and interested worker as long as she was able, and a woman held in the highest esteem by all.

Surviving are her daughter, Miss Mary Williams, and one sister who resides in Iowa. The funeral will occur at the house at 2 p.m. Saturday, the Rev. U. S. Milburn of Oneonta, officiating. Interment in Pierstown cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 22 Apr 1910

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