

[Willis, Esther Palmer]

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Sept. 7.—We have to chronicle this week, Sept. 5, the death of Mrs. Esther Palmer Willis, wife of Anson Willis. She had reached the advanced age of 89 years and 3 months. The funeral services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Wethy, with whom she has lived since the death of her husband many years ago. Mrs. Willis was one of the oldest inhabitants of this place, having moved here at the age of 12 years, from Niagara county where she was born, and has lived here continuously the remaining 77 years of her life. She leaves one son William, of Nebraska, and three daughters, Ann Waterbury also of Nebraska, Emeline Dinsmore and Mary Wethy, both of this place. Mrs. Willis has from her youth ever been an earnest, bright and consistent christian of the Universalist belief; her Bible was a dear and constant companion, and she could quote from it to fit any occasion. The friends and companions of her youth are nearly all gone before and she was glad of the release. She died peacefully, an example of a pure life well spent and filled with good works. Miss [Rev. Margaret] Brennan of Erie preached the funeral sermon.

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