

[Wooden, Sarah]

[Deaths] In Chili, July 31st, Mrs. Sarah Wooden, aged 78 years. Fifty years since, Mrs. Wooden and her family emigrated from the neighborhood of Geneva, crossed the Genesee in March (over the ice at its mouth), remained in Greece until April, and then settled in Chili, on the farm now occupied by the family. At that time there was not a building within the limits of the city of Rochester. They cut a place in the woods sufficiently large to erect a log house, and for a season were obliged to be content with blankets for doors, though they often felt that [blankets] afforded a very inadequate protection when the wolves howled about them at night. Yet there they struggled, and created their home, while witnessing the changes that have created a city of fifty thousand inhabitants within six miles of their farm, and made the country smile like a garden. Mrs. Wooden enjoyed the married life sixty years, and leaves her husband, eighty years of age. She was the mother of fourteen children, ten of whom are living. Her descendants are numerous, and she could claim fifty-six grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. The memory of a faithful wife, mother and neighbor drew a large number of sympathizing friends to her funeral, which took place August 2d. A sermon was preached by Rev. G. [George] M. Montgomery, from the text "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

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