

## [Woodruff, Amos and Rachael Storms]

### NOT DIVIDED BY DEATH

#### Amos Woodruff and His Wife Dying Only a Day Apart

The funerals of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Woodruff will take place at their late residence, No. 70 West Forty-sixth-street, to-day, at 4:30 P.M. Mrs. Woodruff died on Saturday last [June 28], while the death of Mr. Woodruff occurred yesterday [June 30]. Mrs. Woodruff's death was caused by paralysis, from which she had been a sufferer nearly two years. Mr. Woodruff died of pneumonia. He owned a farm at Linden, N.J. It was his custom to drive to the farm from his residence in this city twice a week. The distance between the two places is 20 miles. Although he was 81 years old, Mr. Woodruff was fond of driving good horses, and he was as active as most men 20 years his junior. During one of these trips to his farm, last Tuesday, he contracted a severe cold, which developed [into] pneumonia, and his advanced age rendered his recovery impossible.

Mr. Woodruff was born in Westfield, N.J., Dec. 29. 1802. While he was quite young his father died, and Mr. Woodruff went to Savannah, Ga., where he learned the mason's trade in the employ of his uncle, Amos Scudder. After serving his apprenticeship Mr. Woodruff came to this city and worked as a journeyman mason for several years. The great fire in 1835 paved the way for much building, and Mr. Woodruff began business on his own account. His services were in demand for many years. He built the residence of the late Judge Roosevelt, which occupied a site on the south-west corner of Broadway and Fourteenth-street, and was one of the most fashionable buildings of its time. Then Mr. Woodruff turned his attention to church architecture, and erected several of the old stone churches, long since destroyed. His greatest work was the building of the Cooper Union. He next erected the Bank of Commerce Building, in Nassau-street, and finally the Church of the Divine Paternity, in Fifth-avenue, for the late Rev. Dr. Chapin. It is now called the Fourth Universalist Church. Mr. Woodruff was one of the first pew-holders in this church, and the pew is yet retained by the family. He retired from business several years ago. In politics Mr. Woodruff was a Henry Clay Whig, and became a Republican at the formation of the party. He maintained an active interest in the welfare of the party up to the close of his life, although he never would accept an office. His advanced age only prevented him from going to the front during the rebellion, and he warmly encouraged two of his sons who enlisted and served their time in the war. Mr. Woodruff was one of the founders of, and a Director in, the East River National Bank, and was a member of the American Institute. He had also been a member of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen for 39 years. He leaves four sons—Valentine F.,

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Amos, Jr., Henry C., and Bayard—and a daughter, Mrs. Annie LeGay Smith. He had lived 26 years in the house in which he died, and previously had a residence on that part of the old Bayard farm now situated in Thompson-street.

Mrs. [Rachael] Woodruff was born in the "Hayscales," now Duane-street, Feb. 15, 1808. Her father, Frederick Storms, was a cartman, and drew the stone, of which the City Hall was built, from the country to its present site. Her brother, Peter Storms, was a contractor, and had nearly completed the building of the Astor House when his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff were married in November, 1827.

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A double funeral was .held at No. 70, West, forty-sixth St., New York city, on July 2d. The coffins were placed side by side, with a cluster of palm leaves and a few flowers on each, one of them containing the body of Amos Woodruff, one of the oldest builders in the city, and the other that of his wife. Mrs. Woodruff, aged seventy-three, died last Saturday, of paralysis, after a long illness. Her husband had taken a severe cold a few days before his wife's death, which developed into pneumonia, and his death occurred on Monday. Among the members of the family at the funeral were Mrs. Annie L. Smith, the daughter; Valentine L., Amos, Henry C., and Boyd Woodruff. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. [Charles] H. Eaton, of the church of the Divine Paternity. The bodies were buried in Greengood [Greenwood] Cemetery.

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