

[Barker, Mary A. Veber]

MRS. STEPHEN P. BARKER

Mary A. Veber, wife of the late Stephen T. Barker, of Richfield Springs, died at about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home of her daughter Mrs. M. C. Hemstreet, of 19 Walnut street in Oneonta. Mrs. Barker, who was 83 years of age, had been in failing health for the past two years. Her last illness, however, was brief, and he was confined to her bed but a short time.

The funeral was held at her late home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. L. C. Nichols, pastor of the Chapin Memorial [Universalist] Church, officiating. Interment was made in Lakeview Cemetery, Cooperstown.

Mrs. Barker was born in the town of Exeter, Jun 27, 1833, and was a daughter of the late Daniel and Ruhannah (Caswell) Veber. She was married in 1850 to Dr. Stephen T. Barker of Baskerville, Saratoga county. Following their marriage the family resided at Saratoga Springs and Springfield Center, going in 1878 to Richfield Springs, where they resided until the death of Dr. Barker about 10 years ago. Following his death she removed to Oneonta and ever since had been a member of the family of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hemstreet, by whom she was tenderly cherished in her declining years. She was a woman of most lovable character, generous and charitable in thought and deed, and held in the highest regard by a wide circle of friends at Richfield and by one scarcely smaller in the city which 10 years ago welcomed her into its social life. She was for many years a member of the Universalist Church at Richfield Springs and during her long residence there was always active in its work.

Mrs. Barker is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hemstreet, above mentioned, and by one grandson, Marcus Barker Hemstreet, of this city. No other near relatives survive her. To the immediate family the sympathy of many friends is extended.—[Oneonta] Star.

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