

## [Bauder, Grace Bellinger]

### Mrs. V. S. Bauder Died on Tuesday

Mrs. Grace Bellinger Bauder, widow of Victor S. Bauder, died on Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she went five weeks ago intending to spend the winter months. She was the daughter of James Bellinger and Mary Catherine Russ, and she was born on April 19, 1879, at the Bellinger farm homestead on the Bellinger road, Town of Danube, Fort Plain RD 1.

She was a graduate of the St. Johnsville High School. On July 5, 1902 she was married to Victor S. Bauder, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bauder resided on the Bauder farm in Freysbush until 1909, when they moved to Fort Plain, still, however, retaining the farm.

For some time, Mr. Bauder was in business in Fort Plain, as a distributor of agricultural equipment, including silos made by the Harder Manufacturing company of Cobleskill.

In 1925, Mr. Bauder started business as a distributor of gasoline and other petroleum products and, in 1928, he became distributor for the Colonial Beacon Oil Co., a business which was most successful covering a sales area within 30 miles of Fort Plain.

Mrs. Bauder was a woman of unusual business ability. She was actively associated with her husband in all of his enterprises, doing all of the bookkeeping work until the business became so extensive as to require an office force, which, however, she continued to supervise, as well as to take a prominent part in business promotion, etc.

Victor S. Bauder died on July 17, 1934 after which the firm of V. S. Bauder Sons was formed with Mrs. Bauder and her sons, Stanley and Keith, as active partners. She continued to be actively associated with this important local firm until its gasoline business was sold to the Colonial Beacon Oil Co. on July 1, 1945. After that, Mrs. Bauder retired from active business life. She leaves a wide circle of loving friends who mourn her loss.

Mrs. Bauder was a member of Fort Plain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a direct descendant of Johannes Bellinger, who came from the Palatinate to New York Province in 1710 and, about 1722, located on the Burnetsfield Patent in Herkimer county. The Bellinger family were patriots during the Revolution and many of them were killed or captured by the enemy. Mrs. Bauder's Revolutionary ancestor, Philip Bellinger, Jr., was a soldier in the Tryon County Militia and a brother of Lt. Col. Frederick Peter Bellinger, who commanded the German Flatts regiment at Oriskany and was captured there. Philip Bellinger Jr., then living at Currytown, was captured in the raid on that place on October 24, 1781, together with his wife, two sons and a daughter. They were released on November 15, 1782.

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Since 1912, Mrs. Bauder had been at work on an important and complete genealogy of the Bellinger family, with historical notes, which she had finished and published in mimeograph form. She had also completed a genealogy of the Bauder family.

Mrs. Bauder is survived by two sons, Stanley G. Bauder and Keith J. Bauder; also four grandchildren, Robert R. Bauder, Lowell K. Bauder, Bruce Bauder and Janet Bauder, all of Fort Plain.

The remains were taken to the Palms funeral home, St. Petersburg, and brought to the Gray funeral home, Fort Plain, today, Thursday, where funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 28 at 2 p.m. Rev. Warren B. Lovejoy, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, will officiate, assisted by Rev. Chester C. Chilton, pastor of the Reformed church. Burial in the Bauder family plot in the Fort Plain cemetery.

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