

[McDowell, Mary Elizabeth McGibeny]

MRS. MARY E. McDOWELL

Mary Elizabeth McGibeny was born Feb. 29, 1848, in West Almond, the daughter of David and Lavina McGibeny. She had five brothers and one sister.

Her childhood was spent in West Almond and Angelica, where she grew into womanhood and prepared herself for a teacher.

For some years she successfully followed this profession, teaching in Nile and Friendship and in the states of Illinois and Pennsylvania.

In 1875 she married Mr. Alexander McDowell, and most of her future years were spent in Nile and Friendship. Twenty-six years ago last October Mr. McDowell passed to the higher life, leaving Mrs. McDowell and their son Raymond to spend years of devoted home-life together.

Their home has been the abode of true and generous hospitality, where relatives, neighbors and friends were ever welcome. In her highest capacity Mrs. McDowell was a true home-maker, a loving and devoted wife and mother. Mrs. McDowell was a firm believer in the Universalist faith, a loyal member of the local church. To her, her belief was a vital power to strengthen and sustain in sorrow and trials, as well as enhance the pleasures of life.

She was also a staunch advocate of temperance, for many years a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which she was, for a time, its president. Failing health compelled the giving up of outside activities, and her later years were centered in her home, not, however, to the exclusion of her interest in all mankind and in local, national and world events.

After a long illness the passing came Friday afternoon, Feb. 24th, at four o'clock. The farewell service was held at the home Monday afternoon, Feb. 27th, conducted by Rev. Otis F. Alvord, assisted by Miss Lillian Hosley. The W.C.T.U. attended in a body. Interment at Belmont.

She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Mr. Raymond McDowell; one brother, Mr. Mott McGibeny of Phillips Creek; one sister, Mrs. Sarah Stickney of Friendship, and many nephews and nieces.

There were present from out of town Mr. Roy McGibeny of Herkimer, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holly of Ceres, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McDowell, Shinglehouse; Mr. and Mrs. George Meachem, Shinglehouse; Mrs. Judd, Shinglehouse; Prof. and Mrs. Lyle Palmer and son, Springville, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McGibeny, Mr. Leon McGibeny, Mr. James McGibeny, Miss Carrie McGibney, Mr. Bert McGibeny, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, [all of] Belmont; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis, Pike; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Watson [and] Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Watson, Belmont.

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