

[Packard, Lucia A. Parmelee]

(from "Brasher Falls and Vicinity Happenings")

Mrs. Lucia A. Packard passed away at 11:30 on Friday night at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius A. Packard, after an illness of a month. She was the daughter of Hiland H. and Adeline Russell Parmelee. She was born in Madrid April 15, 1844, where she lived until 1903 when she and her husband moved to Potsdam and lived until he died in 1911. Their son, Fred, died when 19 in Potsdam during a typhoid epidemic. Mrs. Packard was the wife of a Civil War veteran, having been married to Dwight C. Packard, while he was in service, Nov. 7, 1864 by Rev. Rufus Pratt, and going to live with him in Alexandria, Va., in the same house with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Easton of Madrid, Mr. Packard and Mr. Easton belonging to General Slough's brigade under Lieutenant Custor. Miss [sic] Packard and Mrs. Easton were in the line which viewed President Lincoln's body as it lay in state in Washington, their husbands playing at the funeral services. Her grandson, Elwood Packard, had planned with her a trip to Washington and Alexandria after her 86th birthday last April, but she was not strong enough when the time came to make the trip. Mrs. Packard was a relative of the late George and Ed. Russell families, so well known in Brasher and Winthrop as well as the Hulburds in this village. Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Her remains were then conveyed to Madrid where they were placed beside her husband and son. She had a large circle of friends both here and in Madrid and Potsdam. Mrs. Packard was always a devout member of the Universalist church.

*Malone Farmer, Malone NY, Wed. 16 Jul 1930*

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