

[Potter, Sarah Bates]

SARAH B. POTTER

Sarah Bates Potter, daughter of Sylvenus and Marietta King Bates, was born in the town of Collins, Dec. 25th, 1844. On December 18, at the early age of seventeen, she was married to Butler Potter and together they lived for many years on a farm near what is known as "The Red School House."

Afterward, they moved to Collins Center where they spent their declining years among their old friends and neighbors, excepting the past few years when they spent the winters with their daughters at Cattaraugus.

Mr. Potter passed on in July, 1920, Mrs. Potter still remaining in the little home she so dearly loved until failing health made it necessary for her to remove to the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Setter, where she was tenderly cared for until the end.

Mrs. Potter was one of the earliest members and workers in both the W.C.T.U. and the Political Equality Club. The first P.E. Club of Collins Center was organized by Harriet May Mills at Mrs. Potter's home with Mrs. Potter president. Many were the meetings of the W.C.T.U. and the P.E. Club that were held at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Potter were also pioneer members of the Farmers' Club, and the Grange.

A public spirited woman, yet a home loving woman, she was interested in everything pertaining to benefit the home.

Being a great reader, she counted it her greatest misfortune when a few years ago her eyesight failed and she was unable to read, but she still kept interested in the current events of the day, and altho' past eighty she was able to converse on any subject, pasts or present.

While not a member of any church, she was a firm believer in the Universalist faith, which teaches the Universal fatherhood of God, and the universal brotherhood of man.

Mrs. Potter had been in failing health for some time, and she passed to the other life on Nov. 2, 1925, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Setter, of Cattaraugus, leaving the following relatives: two sons, Vernon G. and Everett A. Potter of Collins Center, one daughter, Mrs. A. G. Setter, of Cattaraugus, eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren, besides many dear friends.

The funeral was held Thursday at Cattaraugus, Rev. L. O. Williams of the [Universalist] Church of the Messiah, Buffalo, officiating. Burial was in the family lot of the Shaw cemetery, near the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Potter spent their earlier years.

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