

[Slocum, Mary E. Foster]

In Memoriam

After having passed the ordinary boundary of earthly existence, Mary E. Slocum, wife of Clark Slocum of this place, laid down the burden of life on the 5th day of April, at her home in Greenwood, surrounded by her family and friends.

Mrs. Slocum was born in New Jersey, on the 5th day of October, 1818, and while yet a child removed to Greenwood. Disciplined by the trials of pioneer life, she early acquired those habits of industry and frugality that marked her life as one of usefulness. On September 22nd 1841, she was united in marriage with Wm. G. Porter, of Greenwood, who died August 5th, 1849. Their union was blessed with four children, Mrs. Joseph Ashley, deceased; Mrs. Jay Patchen, of Canisteo; Mrs. R. P. Stephens, of Greenwood, and William G. Porter of Canisteo. On the 25th of June, 1857, she was remarried to Clark Slocum who survives her. The issue of this marriage was Ward Slocum of this place. Mrs. Slocum stamped her individuality and character upon her family, teaching them from infancy to be self-dependent, and lived to see them all become useful and highly respected members of society. Of her father's family she leaves her surviving one brother, Adam Foster, of Bennett's Creek, and her sisters, Mrs. Tuller of Hartsville, Mrs. Stephens of Ohio and Mrs. S. V. Lattimer of Addison.

Mrs. Slocum's pastime was the cultivation of flowers and plants of which she had a rare collection. When in conversation with the writer some time ago she said any one who had raised a family must have something to pet, and her pets now were her flowers. It was her devotion to these that brought upon her last sickness. Two weeks ago while working with her plants she contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, which caused her death. She was buried from her home Monday, April 7th. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. F. M [Francis Milton] Alvord, assisted by the M. E. choir, were impressive and largely attended by sorrowing friends and neighbors.

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