

July 13, 1906

MRS. W. H. BURNHAM

After long lingering illness Mrs. W. H. Burnham passed away on Thursday evening, July 5th. She is survived by her son W. A. Burnham and Mrs. Coburn of Groton, and another son, O. J. Burnham of Richland Center, Wis., who was here for the funeral which occurred on Sunday afternoon. Rev. L. L. Lane conducted the funeral service.

Lydia Johnson was born May 13th, 1822, in the state of New Hampshire. When six months old her parents moved to Lincoln, Vermont, where she resided until her marriage with Wolcott H. Burnham. She was the mother of a family of five children, three of whom are now living.

In 1855 they went to Wisconsin, where they lived until 1875 when they moved to California. Her husband died there in 1886, and in 1895 she went to Minneapolis, where she

resided five years, coming to Groton in 1900. She departed this life July 5th, 1906, aged 84 years, 1 month and 22 days.

She was a woman of unusual mental capacity. This she retained in spite of her age until almost the last. Her parents were Friends and she was reared under those devoted and pious influences. Her marriage severed her relations with the Friends church, but it did not change her religious zeal. She joined the Methodist Episcopal church as nearest in her mind like the church of her parents, and remained a devoted member of this church for the remainder of her life. Her last months were marked by great serenity and strength of faith. Death had no terrors for her, the relation established so long between her and God had grown so clear that she knew for her death was but the entrance into glory. And yet while her faith was triumphant it was most humble and childlike. The world is better because she lived. She rests from her labors and her works follow her.