

Esther Stevens Durkee 1820-1897

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Obituary of Esther Stevens Durkee.

She quietly and peacefully sank to sleep on Friday, Jan 15, 1897, at 5:30 o'clock pm, surrounded by her three sisters, Mrs. Jennie Foote and Mrs. E.A. Howard of this place, and Mrs. Chas Foote of McComb City, Miss; and the three children who are inmates of the house.

Mrs. Durkee, nee Esther Charlotte Stevens, was born in Cape Vincent, NY in the year 1820, where she grew up to womanhood. In the year 1842 she was married to Augustus M. Durkee, and later in life they moved to Stephenson county, Ill., where they resided thirty-three years or until they came to this place nine years ago last December. The husband preceded her to that better life just eight years ago the day before her death and was burried the day following, from the same home and the same church - Grace Memorial Episcopal - and they rest side by side in the beautiful little cemetery adjoining the church at this place. Four children, Agnes, Delancey, and Will of Hammond, and Milton Durkee, of Stockton, Ill., and the three sisters named above and two brothers Geo. Stevens of Evanston, Ill., and Eben Stevens of Lena, Ill., are left to mourn.