

Ruth Ripley Howard 1796-1874

Lena [IL] "Star" (Mar 25, 1898), Mar 20 1874. On the 12th inst, at the residence of her son, Martin Howard, Howardsville, Ill., Mrs. Ruth Howard, in the 78th year of her age.

The deceased was born in the state of Mass., Sept 1796. Removed, with her parents, to northern New York, where at an early age she was married to Deacon Martin Howard, whom she survived nearly seven years. Mrs. Howard was one of the pioneers of this Co., having removed from the state of Ohio to this place in Aug 1837. The earliest recollections of "life in the West" will be intimately associated with the presence of this dear lady by many a poor immigrant of former years. Kind hearted and genial in her disposition, heartily sympathizing with the young, every ready to lend a helping hand to the needy, a devoted and consistent christian, by all who know her.