

Obituary. ✓

Marietta Sumner was born in Cortland County, New York, Feb. 16, 1824. She was the youngest of ten children, and was the last of her family. It might be interesting to note that she was a cousin of the orator, Charles Sumner.

She graduated from Homer Academy at the age of nineteen. She was married May 1, 1850 to Reuben S. Russell who died Nov. 15, 1865. She remained a widow and has always lived with her adopted daughter, Mrs. Oscar D. Purinton, having never had children of her own.

Those who came in contact with the life and character of Mrs. Russell can testify to their ennobling influence. The young men and women whose good fortune it was to live for a time where she had her home can look back to occasions when her advice and kindly helpfulness guided them safely over some difficult places. Her ideals were high, her thoughts clear and pure and they always found expression in correct and beautiful language. Her presence breathed refinement and culture and suggested to others the same high ideals she had chosen for her own guidance. She united with the Baptist church when a young woman and has always lived an exemplary Christian life.

The cause of her death was cancer of the right breast. About ten years ago she fell and was injured in such a way that this cancerous growth began. Two years and eight months before her death she took to her bed. Her disease spread upward into her throat making it more and more difficult for her to swallow and this gradually weakened her system. The last six weeks of her life were weeks of great suffering for her, but she bore her trouble patiently and usually greeted every one with a pleasant smile.

She was greatly devoted to those who daily ministered to her wants and strove to allay her pain, and she frequently gave expression to that gratitude. She died at 6:30 o'clock Sunday morning May 24, 1903, with those near her who for thirty-five years have so faithfully and tenderly shared their home with her.

Short services were held at the Purinton residence Monday at 1 p. m., Rev. T. J. Giblett officiating. The remains were taken east by Mr. Purinton to her old home in New York state for interment.