

CLARISSA PERRIN CHIPMAN

Died – Saturday morning, Oct 29th, 1892, Clarissa P. Chipman, aged 77 years.

Clarissa Perrin was born March 26, 1815 at Perrington, Monroe County, NY. Dec. 24th, 1833 she married John M. Chipman of Avon, Oakland County, Mich. Together the young couple settled at Sterling, Macomb Co. They resided at that place until 1881 when they came to Portland. Mr. Chipman purchased a tract of 33 ½ acres of Larmon Chatfield, cleared the land and built a house. Just across the river stood a log house built by Ezra Perrin, father of the deceased. The Perrins were the Chipmans' nearest neighbors. Grand River was higher at this point before the dam was built, and communication between the two households was kept up by means of a canoe, which was brought into requisition as occasion demanded. Many years ago the Perrins moved to the village and this perilous mode of navigation was abandoned.

In 1883 Mr. And Mrs. Chipman celebrated their golden wedding. Three years later the husband died. Rev. Geo. W. Bothwell, who at the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary once more made them man and wife, passed away recently, and Mr. And Mrs. Austin Peck, who officiated as groomsman and bridesmaid are both dead.

Since her husband's death Mrs. Chipman has been tenderly cared for by her son and grand-children. Ten years ago neuralgia at its worst form commenced racking her with pain. She patiently bore her suffering never complaining and always cheerful. A few months ago her system which for years had battled the disease, showed signs of weakening. She took to her bed and gradually (became) weaker until Saturday morning when she passed away as peacefully as though pain had been unknown to her.

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