

DEC. 17, 1904.

Mrs. Mary Patch died Tuesday evening, Dec. 13. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Knowlton, at eight o'clock. Funeral from the house on Friday.

The death of Mrs. Mary Patch removes one more from the rapidly thinning ranks of the older generation, those who were once the life and inspiration of all the village activities. No one can remember ever seeing her with anything but a cheery face, an expression that mirrored her hopeful outlook on life, and accepted human nature at its very best. Her declining years brought her pain and weakness that was borne with true heroism. She has received the unceasing care and devotion of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Knowlton, during all this time.

Mrs. Patch was born in Lexington, July 30, 1825. She was one of a family of eight children, of whom there is but one surviving member, Nathan Brown of Waltham. She lived in her late home for over fifty years, the first year of her married life having been spent in Charlestown and South Acton. She was a member of the Unitarian ladies' circle for over forty years, serving on the work and advisory committee as long as health permitted. Her age was 79 yrs. 4 mos. 14 days.