

Wednesday, November 8, 1893.

John H. B. Chidsey of Westville testified the Morris Cove railroad fight in the superior court yesterday. He is ninety-three years of age and knows much of East Haven territory, where he lived for many years.

THE LATE J. H. B. CHIDSEY.

Had Resided in Westville All His Life—His Funeral at East Haven Stone Church To-Day—Was in His Ninety-Seventh Year.

J. H. B. Chidsey, one of the oldest men living in this section of the state, died Saturday morning at the home of Henry Bassett in Derby. The deceased had been a resident of Westville all his life, and a son of a pioneer of this part of Connecticut.

He felt quite well up to two weeks ago, when he came out from his home in Westville to visit Mrs. Bassett, who is a relative. The deceased was blessed with a long life, being in his ninety-seventh year when he died. He leaves many acquaintances who will read the news of his death with sorrow.

The deceased leaves one son, Abram Chidsey, living in Westville, as well as a wide circle of relatives. Miss Annfred Chidsey, stenographer at the office of the Derby Gas company, a granddaughter of the deceased, George Blakeman of the East Side, Derby, is the only man living in that town who was older than Mr. Chidsey.

The funeral is in charge of Undertaker C. E. Lewis of Ansonia, and will take place this afternoon in East Haven. The remains will leave Mr. Bassett's home at 2 p. m. Services will be conducted in the East Haven Congregational church and interment will follow in the cemetery at that place.

JANUARY 1903.

ADLEY—In East Haven, January 14, Louise A. Smith, widow of Edwin S. Bradley, aged 66 years. Her funeral services will be held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. Walter Chidsey, Friday, January 16, at two o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

LOUISE A. BRADLEY.

Louise A., widow of Edwin S. Bradley, died in East Haven yesterday in the 66th year of her age. She made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. Walter Chidsey. Her residence is on the east side of the town. She was a native of East Haven and had always made her home there. Mrs. Bradley was for many years identified with Christ P. E. church and was its adfast friend. She was a woman highly respected by all. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, at Mr. Jackson, of Christ church, officiating.

Mrs. Louise Bradley, widow of Edward Bradley, is critically ill at her home in East Haven. On Sunday, Mrs. Bradley had a stroke of apoplexy and her condition since has been gradually growing worse.

A monthly entertainment given by the ladies of Christ church guild, East Haven, which was planned for this evening, is indefinitely postponed on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Louise Bradley, the vice-president of the guild. Mrs. Bradley was stricken with apoplexy on Sunday evening. The physician in attendance gives no hope of recovery, owing to her advanced age.

Due to the critical illness of Mrs. Louise Bradley, the vice president of the Ladies' guild of Christ church, East Haven, the entertainment announced to take place this evening has been postponed until further notice. Mrs. Bradley was stricken with apoplexy Sunday and her physician says her recovery is only a question of hours.

ALMOST A CENTURY OLD.

DEATH OF MRS. GRACE M. WHEELER.

Peaceful Termination To-Day of a Life That Went Farther Back Than the Stirring Times of 1812—A Thrilling Reminiscence in Which a Cannon Ball Figured.

Mrs. Grace Munson Wheeler, aged 99 years, 6 months and 4 days, died at 5 a. m. to-day at her residence, 87 Wooster street. Old as she was her faculties were almost as keen as they were half a century ago. Up to within two months she had been moving about the house with fairly vigorous energy for one of her years. About two months ago she became ill and was confined to her bed. Last night only a few hours before her death she was uncommonly cheerful and bright for her remarkable age. Her death was free from pain, a sort of falling off into a peaceful slumber, as one of her relatives described it to-day.

Mrs. Wheeler was born in New Haven at the corner of State and Fair streets and was the daughter of Maj. William Munson, who for 33 years was surveyor of the port of New Haven. He held the office until his death. Maj. Munson was one of the first worshipful masters of Hiram lodge.

her of State and Fair streets and could see away down the harbor. There were no buildings in the way then. At one particular window fronting the harbor many used to sit. One day when she was not there a cannon ball from a British vessel away down the harbor came in through the window and, rolling across the floor, broke into the fireplace. My father had it built into the hearth and there it remained for a great many years.

"My father was in command of Dobb's Ferry when Andre was hanged and commanded a regiment of militia during the retreat from Quebec. He was appointed to the head of the custom house here by George Washington.

"When I came to live here there were but three houses on the street and the view to the harbor was at most unobstructed."

At that birthday celebration a party from Hiram lodge, F. and A. M., consisting of Past Master James D. Dewell, the late ex-Mayor Henry G. Lewis, Charles E. Peck, Lewis D. Chidsey, Attorney Julius Twiss, Dr. William Mailhouse, George Newcombe and N. G. Osborn, with David Thomas of Wooster lodge and F. M. Lum of George Washington lodge, No. 82, of Ansonia, visited Mrs. Wheeler. They had a special reason inasmuch as her father, Maj. William Munson, had been a prominent Mason in his day. Ex-Mayor Lewis introduced each one to Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Dewell then presented her with an elegant plush rocking chair on behalf of Hiram lodge. The rocker is of quartered oak and is in the sixteenth century.

Mrs. Wheeler was a member of Trinity church. The funeral services will be Saturday at 2:30 p. m. She will be buried in the Grove street cemetery.



MRS. GRACE MUNSON WHEELER, AGED 99.

The deceased had resided at 87 Wooster street for 60 years. Her husband has been dead for 23 years. He was Capt. Stephen Wheeler, who distinguished himself in the war of 1812, and who was in command of a gunboat in that strife. About three weeks ago the daughter of Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Grace A. Glenney, died in this city. She was the last of the children of Mrs. Wheeler.

The deceased, August 14 last, was 99 years old and there was a celebration at her home. Many called upon her that day. To a REGISTER reporter with whom she talked on that occasion, she was thus reminiscent:

"When I was a little girl I used to go up to my father—daddy and mammy we called our parents—and said: 'Daddy, can I come into your cubby-house?' And he would move his knees so that I could toddle in between them, and placing my arms upon them, I would swing back and forth."

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