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Double Funeral.

MRS. BETSY COMSTOCK, AGED 77 YEARS.
MRS. ELIZABETH OTIS, AGED 42 YEARS.

A double funeral, the sad spectacle of mother and daughter side by side in their funeral caskets, took place in Owosso last Saturday afternoon. The death of Mrs. Betsy Comstock, widow of our worthy pioneer, Luther Comstock, and that of her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Otis, occurred at Hudson, Wis., last week—the daughter died at 3:15 p. m., Jan. 3, and the mother on the morning of Jan 4, and both were brought to Owosso for burial.

Mrs. Comstock's maiden name was Betsy Whitlock. She was born in Vergennes, Vt. In her girlhood her parents removed to Rochester, N. Y., and later came to Owosso. They lived in the well remembered log house on the Corunna road near the old Byerly farm, and there Betsy Whitlock was married to Luther Comstock, Sept. 17, 1845. A person who was present at the wedding describes her as a beautiful girl, lovely in a pearl colored silk gown. Mr. Comstock at the time took her to the home he had built for his bride—the Comstock homestead on West Oliver street—and here she always lived until feeble health compelled her removal, two years ago, to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otis, in Hudson, Wis. Although an invalid for several years, the immediate cause of her death was an attack of pleurisy under which she sank after a few days' illness.

Mrs. Comstock was of a remarkably sweet disposition, gentle and amiable, a worthy member of the Congregational church, and she ranks among the noble pioneer women to whom Owosso owes much. She was the last survivor of her father's family. Her husband died about eight years ago. Of her family of four children only one survives, her son Frank of this city.

Mrs. Elizabeth Otis was born and brought up in this city. She was a graduate of the Owosso high school, and was one of Owosso's popular young ladies. She was married Dec. 24, 1889, to Mr. Charles H. Otis, of Hudson, Wis., where she enjoyed a happy home. She leaves a husband and three young children—Florence, aged eight years, Bertie, aged five, and another little son of three years. She died of catarrhal pneumonia and was ill a little over one week. Although she preceded her mother in death a few hours, owing to the low state of the mother she was not informed of her daughter's death.

After funeral services at the home, Mr. Otis, accompanied by his daughter Gertrude (by a former wife) brought the remains to Owosso, arriving here Friday evening where they were met by pallbearers and citizens. Saturday afternoon services for the double funeral were held at the Congregational church. Rev. C. H. Hanks, the pastor, and Rev. C. V. Northrop, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated. There was a large assemblage present, and the cortege of two hearses, one with representative citizens of the older class as pall bearers, the other represented by younger citizens, took its way to Oakhill cemetery where the caskets were deposited in the receiving vault.

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