

Isabella (Smith) Hoffmeier, (16 Feb 1814 – 13 Oct 1899), Newport News, October 21, 1899,

Mrs. Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier died last Friday evening at the residence of her son-in-law, **Rev. W.R.H. Deatrich**, D.D. in New Bloomfield. Funeral services were conducted Monday at her late home by **Rev. J. David Miller**, pastor of the Duncannon Reformed charge and the body was interred in the Newport cemetery.

Mrs. Hoffmeier's family name was **Smith**. She was of Scotch Irish decent. Her father, **James Smith**, was an old time school teacher, and an honorably discharged soldier of the war of 1812. She was born in Milford, Juniata Township, Perry County, February 16, 1814. She was yet a mere child she removed with her parents to Newport, Pa., where she spent an interesting part of her life. She was well educated. At 17 years of age she passed the usual examination in that Catechism Westminster Confession before the session and was admitted into full communion in the Presbyterian Church, at the "Old Ridge Meeting House." near Newport Pa. in the autumn of 1831, under the ministry of Mathew Patterson. She was thrice married. Her first husband was **Andrew Beatty Maxwell**, to whom she was married June 11, 1835. The officiating clergyman was **Rev. John Dickey**. **Mr. Maxwell** died December 23, 1848. Four children were the issue of this union, two of whom preceded thier mother to the spirit world, one dying in infancy and the other, **Dr. James A. Maxwell**, of Curwensville, Pa., dying in January, 1897. Two children survive their mother; **Mrs. Mary C.**, wife of the **Rev. Dr. Deatrich**, of New Bloomfield, and **Mrs. Elizabeth A.**, wife of **N.B. Mowry**, of Harrisburg.

The congregation worshipped in the "Old Ridge Meeting House," having disintegrated and it being too inconvenient to attend the service of her own church in New Bloomfield after the death of her husband, she united with the Reformed Church, at Newport, in 1850, under the ministry of **Rev. Daniel Gans**, D.D. In November 18, 1852 she was married to **Philip Stoehr**, of St. Thomas, Franklin County, Pa., Samuel Kuhn officiating. After her marriage to **Mr. Stoehr**, she had changed her residence to St. Thomas. The issue of this marriage was a **son** who died in his infancy. **Mr. Stoehr** survived his son only a little while, dying in March, 1855. After his death she moved to Chambersburg, Pa. August 24, 1860, she was married to **Rev. Charles F. Hoffmeier**, pastor of the Reformed Church at Everett, Pa., **Rev. Samuel E. Fisher**, D.D., editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, officiating. After a long and faithful ministry, the **Rev. Mr. Hoffmeier** died in Lancaster, Pa., April 19, 1877, since which time she had made her home with her son-in-law the **Rev. Dr. Deatrich**, spending some time each year with her daughter in Harrisburg.

Her illness was prolonged 12 weeks. She was stricken down suddenly with paralysis, on Friday morning, July 21, and after lingering until October 12, she fell asleep in Jesus, her dear Savior. In her death has ended the life of a bright and intelligent woman, one who was an insatiate reader of the bible and good literature, and what is better still, a communicant member of the Church of Christ, in good and regular standing for nearly 68 years. It is a blessed comfort to her surviving daughters and her large circle of mourning friends to know that the sun of her long and useful day has gone gown in a cloudless sky and that she sleeps well.
"A calm and undisturbed repose, Unbroken by the last of foes."