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of sorrow at his departure are not confined to his own household. They fall from lips of every one in the community in which he performed his trying labors, and are uttered also by those with whom he came in public contact. We all know how trying are the duties of those engaged in his profession. His Christian character, his even temperament, and an unusual affability charmed away their burdensomeness. The yoke of duty was to him a yoke of pleasantness. He is not dead. It is simply the crumbling about him of a house in which he was the august tenant. His belief in Christ, and the knowledge that Christ would dissolve all earthly doubts and mysteries in the ineffable light of heaven limned the fall of the awful shadow with effulgent light. He has passed away, and naught remains now but to say that he is in an abode of blissful rest, and to commend to the care of the loving Savior the widow, now in lamentation, the children he so nobly reared to the manifold duties of life, and the tenderer ones who have yet to fathom its perplexities.' At the conclusion of the services the remains were viewed by several hundred."

#### PROF. GEO. P. FULTON'S MOTHER.

She was Elizabeth, daughter of the Hon. Geo. Plumer, for many years a member of Congress of Westmoreland county, Pa. She was born near West Newton, Pa., in 1803. After her marriage to Amzi Smith they lived in that place and in Rostraver until Amzi's death, January 7, 1831. After her marriage to Henry Fulton they lived in West Newton until the spring of 1841, when the family moved to the Cooper-Lynn farm above Monongahela City, now owned by Greer McElvain. In the spring of 1847 they moved to Monongahela City, occupying the house now owned by the heirs of Richard Stockdale. There Mr. Fulton carried on the tannery located in the rear of the same lot on which the house stood. He afterwards bought the old Cooper tannery, which occupied part of the lot on which Jas. P. Shepler's residence now stands, on the pike above Chess street. Fulton built the house on Third street, above

Chess street, on part of the tannery lot, where he resided until he moved to Washington, Pa., in the early sixties. In 1867 Fulton removed to Brownsville, where Mrs. Fulton, October 5, 1868, died. The Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., in an article published a short time after her death, states: "Died, in Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa., on the 5th of October, 1868, Mrs. Elizabeth Plumer Fulton, daughter of the late Hon. George Plumer, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and wife of Henry Fulton, Esq., in the 65th year of her age.

This excellent lady had at various times seen great trials and afflictions; but if she lost a child she seemed determined not to lose the benefit of such bereavement. She had a very good mind well stored with Bible knowledge, and well established in the doctrines of grace. Her last end was peace. She was in full possession of her faculties till her eyes closed in death. During her last illness she spoke freely of her own decease, gave her blessing to those around her, and a charge concerning her burial. The light of the Redeemer's countenance was abundantly shed upon her soul. From her birth she had been well cared for and early instructed in the great truths of religion. By one still living it is remembered that her grandfather, Jonathan Plumer, "the Indian's friend," and the zealous Elder, spent the night of her birth in prayer, devoting her to God with many prayers and tears. Her excellent parents always set before her an example of serious piety, and often prayed with her, and for her. Dear, gentle, faithful, loving one, we shall see thy meek and pleasant face no more on earth. But christians have no final partings with each other. Thou hast wept thy last tear, heaved thy last sigh, suffered thy last pang! Blessed be God for all his grace and mercy to thee! If we are faithful we shall soon join in thy worship around the throne of God and the Lamb.

A writer in the same paper, in a notice of her death, says: "Mrs. Fulton was descended from a line of godly ancestors, dating back to the settlement of America, when the Huguenot fathers left possessions and country for freedom to worship

God. She was the daughter of Hon. George Plumer of pious memory. Carefully trained in the doctrines of the Presbyterian church, parental faithfulness was awarded in her early conversion. To the close of her life she was a consistent and devoted member of the church whose doctrines and privileges she loved with no ordinary affection. Ever ready to do good as she had opportunity, the care of a large family and feeble health confined her efforts, in a measure, to her own family circle. But here she was eminently faithful—careful to teach her children by both precept and example; she prayed much with and for them. She often said with much feeling, “I have never sought earthly honors or riches for my children; but Oh! I have sought the riches of the Kingdom. She was called to pass through many afflictions. Sad change, sore bereavements and great bodily sufferings were in turn permitted to try her faith; but to one who by her death bed was alluding to her trials, she replied, “Goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life.”

Although for some months her health had been failing, no immediate danger was apprehended by the family, yet she set her house in order, and when at last the messenger came suddenly, she was ready.

God's grace was very abundant to her in her last hours, enabling her fearlessly, even joyfully, to meet the last enemy, of whom all her life she had been greatly afraid. Her intellect was unclouded to the last moment of her life, and amid great bodily anguish she was enabled “to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God,” and thus passed away “to be forever with the Lord.” “Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The *Monongahela Republican*, in reference to her death, says:

DIED.—October 5, 1868, at her late residence in Brownsville, Pa., in the 65th year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth Plumer Fulton, wife of Henry Fulton, formerly of this city. Mrs. Fulton was well known in this community as an eminently pious

and devoted christian. She was a member of the Presbyterian church for more than forty years, and the walk and conversation of her life gave ample evidence of the heavenly inheritance which awaited her at death. She lived for Christ, and died rejoicing in the full hope of that immortality which is in reserve for the people of God.

After the death of his wife Mr. Henry Fulton became a member of the family of Mr. John Power, in Bellevernon, Pa., and on their removal to the Rankin farm, on Mingo, in Washington county, he went with them, where he died April 13, 1869, and his remains were interred at Rehoboth beside his wife.

#### DEATH OF MRS. MARY FINLEY.

This estimable and christian lady died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Eberhart, in Winona, Minnesota, January 29, 1864, in the seventy-third year of her age. She was the eldest daughter of George and Margaret Lowrey Plumer. George Plumer was born December 5, 1762, on a farm of 200 acres, which his father, Jonathan Plumer, bought of Col. George Croghan, in February, 1759, now in the 17th ward of the city of Pittsburgh, Pa. The treaty of peace between England and France was signed in Paris on the 8th of November preceding, by which all of the region westward of the Alleghenies to the Mississippi was ceded to the English forever.

George Plumer and wife first lived in Puckety, seventeen miles above Pittsburgh, on the Allegheny river. In 1788 or 9, George Plumer and his wife were given by Col. Lowrey, Mrs. Plumer's father, the land at the junction of Sewickley creek and the Youghiogheny river, where were born the children of a happy union, whose memory is cherished by their descendants. In 1814 Mary Plumer married James Smith, who, with John C. Plumer, had been a year in Captain Markles' troop of horse in the war of 1812.

James Smith was an extensive business man in Robbstown, now West Newton, for many years. In 1825 he removed to