

The family of Hon. Edward Elderkin, Esq., are all well brought up, educated, refined and good citizens and useful members of society.

Martha P. Elderkin, daughter of Anthony Y. Elderkin, and Parmela Fuller Elderkin, was born July 19th, 1822.

(Address, Lancaster, Grant County, Wisconsin.)

Harrison H. Hyde, born June 11th, 1818.

Mr. Hyde died in Lancaster, March 16th, 1864.

Mrs. Martha P. Hyde was married September 20th, 1843. Her life has been checked with sadness and sunshine. At the tender age of 8 years her father died, cutting off that parental guardianship so essential to youth. She was sent to school to qualify herself for teaching, and at the early age of 15 taught her first school of five months at one dollar per week. She was located 30 miles from home and did not visit her mother during the term. For one so young, that time must have seemed an age. Deer River, a branch of the St. Lawrence, divided the district, and the bridge was carried away by a flood that spring, so she learned to row a boat in which she crossed the stream two or three times a day. Thus she learned, literally, to paddle her own canoe.

Her husband was a dentist by trade, and possessed remarkable mechanical talent. He made some of his best dental instruments and at one time made a very beautiful double-barreled rifle. He was 5 ft. 11 inches in height and weighed 164 pounds. Mr. Hyde was a kind and affectionate husband and father, an excellent tenor singer and very highly esteemed by the community in which he lived.

During their married life of 21 years Martha collected all the sunshine and flowers that a cheerful, hopeful keen perception could discover in a world of such strange mutations. She was left with a family of five small children to care for with only a small fortune to rely upon. She lost a twin son only