

THE STORY OF AN OLD HOUSE.



Died.

At 34 Chambers Street, Boston, June 23, 1891, HANNAH BARKER OTIS, aged 75 years.

At 34 Chambers Street, September 10, 1891, MARY OTIS, aged 86 years.

THERE are many persons now living to whom "34 Chambers Street" has stood for years as the "House Beautiful"; and for their sakes, as well as because its story is unique in these days, and because the light of the dear old walls died out with Mary Otis, I am going to write about it.

This house was built in the year 1800, by George Washington Otis, of Scituate, who had come to Boston to seek his fortune. He was the son of Joshua Otis and Mary Thaxter. Mary Thaxter was the daughter of Major Thaxter of Hingham, a woman of remarkable energy and accomplishments, as strong a Tory as her father. She was a woman of great intellectual strength, and well known throughout the eastern part of the State for her charming conversation.