

Rebecca Primus

Obituary in Hartford Courant, 2/24/1932. Buried at Zion Hill Cemetery on Tuesday noon at S. M. Johnson's funeral home, 19 Pavilion St., and the Talcott St. Cong. Church. Rev. James Wright conducted services and pall bearers were: C. C. Cuffee, Horace James, Richard Caples, William Chalmers, Eugene Seymour, and Robert Snyder.

In his earlier days he lived with the family of Governor Ellsworth, and was with them when the governor went to congress.

He leaves a wife and four children. His son is a portrait painter in Boston, and has established quite a reputation for himself. Arrangements will be made for the funeral when he arrives this afternoon.

#### In Memory of Holdridge Primus.

At an adjourned meeting of the Talcott street Congregational church society, last Wednesday evening, the following resolutions were passed:—

WHEREAS, It has pleased an All-wise Providence to remove from our midst our esteemed friend and fellow member, Holdridge Primus, late treasurer of this society; and

WHEREAS, The faithful and intelligent devotion to the interests of this society which has characterized his relations with it for nearly fifty years, make it eminently proper that we give some expression of our feelings of appreciation of his services and regret for his loss; therefore,

Resolved, That by the death of Holdridge Primus this society loses a most efficient and valued officer, and a member whose wise counsel, cheering words and inspiring energy will be sadly missed.

Resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of the deceased, hoping that even in the sorrow of their great affliction they may be in some sort consoled by the knowledge that his sterling qualities and the value of his great and disinterested services are properly appreciated.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed on the records of the society and an authenticated copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased.

E. C. FREEMAN,  
I. CROSS,  
A. O. CLAGGETT.

GOODWIN—In East Bloomfield, N. Y., May 8, Russell B. Goodwin, aged 73—formerly of this city, and brother of Charles S. Goodwin.

Mr. Charles S. Goodwin is now the only survivor of the seven sons of the late John Goodwin, whose homestead, many years ago, stood on Pearl street on the site now occupied by the T. Wadsworth property. One of the brothers, Henry A., was for many years in the drug business on Exchange corner and another, John H., was for a long time in the shoe business. Another brother, Russell B., died this week at East Bloomfield, N. Y., at the age of 73. He learned the tailoring business with the

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posed to the use of tobacco  
 and, like some, smoking and  
 disgust of all decent people  
 state. As evidence, Mr.  
 position, it will be enough  
 is a firm friend of the "An-  
 and practice. Wherever,  
 at conference year, he may  
 may his labors be crowned  
 success. May the time soon  
 spirit of improvement shall  
 ads in Middletown to repair  
 church edifice—time and no  
 ravages upon the building;  
 and have commenced the ac-  
 funds for its renovation. I  
 a, Mr. Editor, that the value  
 n is as much appreciated here  
 be; every facility is open,  
 mary to the High School, on  
 ith any of the citizens—but I  
 say that but three colored  
 be found in the High School.  
 with Mr. Jones who spent a  
 with Mr. Thomas Francis  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.—a member  
 class, in the Wesleyan Uni-  
 who is about to graduate,—  
 star to shine long, we trust in  
 ity, for the guidance and cle-  
 race.

at while sitting in his pleasant  
 zing upon the picturesque scene  
 the College is surrounded—  
 is have changed since the days  
 —and the spirit of the Bangs,  
 —then, no colored young man  
 ibly could enter, or even recite  
 e. We are sorry that none are  
 next freshman class—would  
 more might be found in every  
 as the College shall remain a  
 We addressed two meetings  
 ddletown—the audiences were  
 some of the spirits are loyal and  
 ity and moral elevation.—May  
 increase, and may there yet  
 up many who shall do valiantly  
 humanity. A. G. B.

# First of August at Hartford.

Mr. Corron:—"It is better late than never," so, with your permission, I will, while the "spirit moves," write you a few lines in relation to the celebration of West India Emancipation by our friends in the city of Hartford. Extensive arrangements were not made for the celebration many weeks previous, but some few of the young men and women whose minds are enlightened, and whose hearts are in the right place, determined to keep that day which is so sacred to humanity. They met, and appointed a noble committee, and invited the friends of liberty to meet with them.

The morning came, fresh, bright, and glorious. A number of the children, with banners, met at the Talcott street Church, and under the direction of Mr. Saml. R. Freeman, marched to the grove where the meeting was to be held. Arriving there, they were joined by hundreds of the old and young, who came in the spirit of freedom to cast their votive offerings upon the altar of liberty. The assembly was called to order by Mr. Geo. S. Joffrey, and greeted with music by Mitchell's brass band, of Hartford, in strains which sent extatic joy through every heart. Prayer was offered by Rev. Amos Noah Freeman, pastor elect of the Talcott street Congregational Church, who also, after music by the band, addressed the audience in his usual warm and earnest manner.

The Chairman then introduced the Rev. Amos G. Beman, of New Haven, who presented the following resolutions as a basis of his remarks:

*Resolved*, That in the facts connected with the first day of August, 1834—the day we celebrate—there is cause for gratitude to Almighty God and thanks to the friends of humanity, and a well-grounded confidence in the belief that the earnest and faithful labors of the true and noble men and women in America and Europe will be crowned with success in the overthrow of oppression, and that it is the duty of all the friends of the slave to study these facts, and in their light to toil on for the full and complete redemption of the bondman from his chains.

*Resolved*, That there is much which the free people of color can do for the redemption of the slave and their own elevation, and that they are under the highest obligation to God, and to their brethren in bonds, and to those who have toiled and are still toiling so nobly for the establishment of freedom and righteousness, to do all in our power to advance the cause of liberty, justice, humanity, and God.

*Resolved*, That the progress which has been made in public sentiment and in the improvement of the colored people in all the free States, should stimulate us to higher and more energetic efforts for our welfare as a race, under the inspiring hope, "well-founded and sure," that notwithstanding all the efforts of all our oppressors, the truth will triumph, and this country will yet be "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

*Resolved*, That, to each and to all, we here pledge ourselves anew to do all we can to do our part of the work, to meet and honor those responsibilities which justly rest upon us in the great struggle now going on in this country and throughout the world for the advancement of the social, civil, and religious liberty of man.

At the close of the remarks which were made upon these resolutions, the friends gathered around a bountifully spread board which the committee of arrangements had prepared, and discussed the good things more thoroughly than the resolutions had been; yet there was "enough and to spare." All participated, and all were happy. Indeed, we have never seen a gathering where there was so much to please, and so little to condemn—where all seemed to vie with each other in giving and receiving happiness.

In the evening a large and most respectable audience assembled in the Talcott street Church, where prayer was offered by Rev. Amos G. Beman, and addresses delivered by Rev. A. N. Freeman, and Rev. Geo. H. Washington, of the Zion Church, in Hartford. Mr. Freeman's address was full of statistics in relation to the West Indies, and had a telling effect upon the audience. When Mr. Washington spoke of meeting his mother after a long separation made by slavery—a separation so long that he did not know her—the picture told on every heart, and filled many an eye with tears.

I will not say more of the celebration and of the friends in Hartford at this time. Hartford should do great things for God and humanity. They have two fine churches, hosts of friends, honored names in the past—the Cooks, Babcocks, Magins, Posters, Swans, Sanders, Garrisons, and others—and now in the full meridian of life the Davises, the Freemans, the Mitchels, the Crosses, the Patersons, and the Rodneys, with able and energetic pastors to lead them on in the march of moral improvement. Let the young Mitchels, and Patersons, and Platos, and Crosses, and the host of young ladies whom an honored parentage has surrounded with all the comforts of domestic and social life, appreciate their privilege, and be ornaments of beauty in society and pillars in the church of God.

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