

## GRAVE OF THE MONTH

### Louisa Ann Cave – school owner and artist

(1833 - 1895)

Louisa was the daughter of Andrew and Mary Freeman. She married Edward Cave in 1866 and both she and her husband were superintendents of the Wesleyan Sunday Schools.

They moved to Enfield but when her husband died in 1870, she returned to her parents' home in Newbury with her young son, Urban Edward Cave. To support them both, she opened a school at which she continued to work until her death.

Louisa was a talented amateur artist. In 1879 the Berkshire Chronicle reported that she had won a prize for 12 photographs submitted to the Kensington Literary and Scientific Institution. Two years later she won another prize for "Sketches from Nature". In a local competition, also in 1881, her work was commended for showing "great merit". She enjoyed using many different media including sepia, pencil and crayon.



She regularly attended services at the Wesleyan chapel and the Congregational church. On the morning of her death, April 17<sup>th</sup> 1895, she appeared to be in her usual good health but within a few hours died with her son at her side.

As a schoolmistress she was remembered with great affection.

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