

-She was thought to be in love with Ben Newton, but he died in 1853
-Then she became close friends with Reverend Charles Wadsworth -- he moved in 1862 to California

-Sometimes soon after that she began dressing exclusively in white and family home and property.

Her physical and mental health deteriorated until she died of a kidney disease

Poetry

-She wrote about 1700 poems in her lifetime

-but only 7 were published during her life.

-She requested that they were all destroyed after her death.
strongly influenced by the Bible and by the meter of hymns.

-Themes are life, death, immortality, and nature.

-Her poems are filled with extended metaphors, personification, allusion, meter, and rhyme

