

[Ellsworth, Nettie Belle Taylor]

Mrs. Ralph W. Ellsworth

A wave of sadness passed over this community on the morning of Memorial Day when it became generally known that Mrs. Nettie Taylor Ellsworth, wife of Ralph W. Ellsworth, one of Cooperstown's best known business men, had passed away the night preceding. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth with a party of friends had gone on Tuesday to De-agh-wah Lodge, their summer cottage on Otsego Lake, to spend the holiday. Throughout the day and evening up to about 10 o'clock she had appeared in the best of health and spirits and was engaged in the pleasant duties of hostess when she was seized with an acute attack of heart trouble, and although every effort was made to bring relief she died at about 11:30 o'clock.

Nettie Belle Taylor was the daughter of Thomas Taylor, Jr., and N. Louisa Roberts and was born June 25, 1872, in the Fly Creek Valley. When she was nine or ten years of age the family moved to this village in order that she might attend the Cooperstown High school, graduating with the class of 1887 at the age of fourteen years.

With the exception of the first few years of her girlhood and three years following her marriage spent in Brooklyn, her entire life had been passed in Cooperstown, where she was held in affectionate esteem by a wide circle of friends for her quiet, unassuming nature and her many fine qualities of mind and heart. She was sincerely devoted to her family and friends and found constant joy in contributing to their happiness. A life long member of the Church of the Messiah (Universalist) she was active in all branches of its work, especially in the Thimble club, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of which she had served efficiently as secretary for years. She was also a member of Otsego Chapter, D.A.R., and of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Spanish War Veterans of Oneonta.

She was united in marriage October 7, 1900 with Ralph W. Ellsworth who survives together with one daughter, Miss M. Louise Ellsworth and one son, Waldo Taylor Ellsworth, both of Cooperstown. Mrs. Ellsworth's brother, the late Arthur J. Taylor, originated the well known dry goods business which is now conducted under the firm name of Ellsworth & Sill, of which her husband is the senior partner.

The funeral will be held at the home on Nelson avenue, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Geroge C. Boorn, her pastor, officiating. Interment will be made in the family plot at the Fly Creek cemetery.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 1 Jun 1928

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