

[Ames, Daniel Webster]

DANIEL WEBSTER AMES

Daniel Webster Ames, the son of Almond Ames and Esther Palmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold Wilcox, in West Winfield.

The deceased was born on the old Ames homestead near Richfield, March 22, 1844. Over 50 years ago he married Mary V. Gano. The young couple took up their home on the old farm and there resided until about 12 years ago, when they moved to the village of Monticello (Richfield). Since the death of Mrs. Ames, which occurred shortly after moving into the village, Mr. Ames continued to reside in Monticello until this winter, when he took up his residence with his daughter at West Winfield. While living at Monticello he was the contractor on the Richfield-Richfield Springs star route and served the postal department with fidelity and satisfaction.

As a young man he took up the profession of teaching and typified in a fine sense the old time pedagogue. He taught in the vicinity district schools and in the state of Illinois for about a quarter of a century. For many years he conducted the home farm and served for six years as the highway commissioners in the township of Richfield.

The deceased at one time was a member of the old Universalist church at Monticello and helped build the church in that village. After its discontinuance he affiliated with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Ames was a Republican in politics and held unequivocally to the principles of that party through his long life. He was also deeply interested in the grange and had served as lecturer in the local body. He was also a past officer in Pomona Grange of Otsego County.

His sturdy personality was coupled with a strong mind, which made an earnest advocate and an excellent citizen, whose long life was marked by industry and sobriety. He is survived by five children, James A. and Ralph of Boise City, Idaho; Marion D., street commissioner of Richfield Springs; Miss Hazel Ames and Mrs. Harold Wilcox of West Winfield.

The funeral was held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox. Rev. W H. Jago officiated. Miss Sarah Davis sang "Asleep in Jesus" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The remains were taken to Richfield Springs for interment.

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