

[Backus, Clara L. Wing]

Mrs. Ora O. Backus

The death of Mrs. Ora O. Backus occurred at her home at Morris at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis which she suffered five months ago and from which she never rallied.

Clara L. Backus was the daughter of Walter A. and Louisa (Wilcox) Wing and was born at Morris March 1, 1857. Her paternal grandfather was Dr. Wing, a pioneer physician of the Butternut Valley. She had made her home at Morris throughout her long and useful life. She was a devoted and faithful member from childhood of the Universalist church of Morris, a woman held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of friends who will feel a deep sense of personal loss in her passing.

[On] October 18, 1876, she was united in marriage with Ora O. Backus of Morris who survives, together with two sons, Dr. H. W. Backus of Cooperstown and Stanley S. Backus of Hartwick; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew H. Murdock of Hyde Park and Mrs. Flora Leonard of Oneonta, and one brother, Walter A. Wing of Cobleskill. A son, Walter W. Backus, died in 1907 at the age of seventeen.

The funeral services were largely attended Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home at Morris, the Rev. Frederick G. Leonard, pastor of the Universalist church officiating. Burial was made at the Hillington cemetery at Morris.

*Otsego Farmer*, Cooperstown NY, Fri. 22 Jan 1932

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