

[Chamberlain, Charlotte Allen Derthick]

MRS. CHARLOTTE CHAMBERLIN¹

Death Removes One of the Oldest Residents of the Town

Richfield Springs, May 21—The death of Mrs. Charlotte Allen Derthick Chamberlin, the widow of Charles Chamberlin, which occurred at her residence on the Canadarago lake road, has removed one of the oldest inhabitants, and one whose life and whose ancestors were identified with the early history of this town. The Derthick and the Chamberlin families are two of the oldest in this vicinity, having settled here when the village was only a wilderness and Derthick's sawmill was one of the early meeting places for the country side.

Mrs. Chamberlain was the daughter of Col. John Derthick and Harriet Jacques Derthick, her birth occurring at the Derthick farm, January 14, 1835. On October 13, 1857, she and Mr. Chamberlain were married and most of their married life was spent on the farm, so beautifully situated on Canadarago lake. For a few years, they kept a boarding house in Church street, later known as the DeLong cottage, and strangely enough the passing of this house is coincident with Mrs. Chamberlin's death, as it has just been taken down and the lumber is now being carted out of town.

Of the four children born to them, all survive but one, Jennie, the wife of Alberto C Mora, dying on New Year's day 1907. Mr. Chamberlin died in 1902 and Mrs. Chamberlin's declining years have been made happy and comfortable by the loving care of her surviving children: Mrs. Herman Egerland, Charles Chamberlin, who resides on the farm and whose wife has been an added strength and comfort, and Fred Chamberlain, who lives in Fly Creek. There are also four grandchildren, Charlotte Egerland of this village, and Fred, Jr., James and Roger Chamberlin of Fly Creek.

The funeral will be held from the home to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Frank Hokerk, of Herkimer, a former pastor of the Universalist Church of this village officiating.

Mrs. Chamberlin was a woman of rare character, keen mind and wit, and abounding in the energy, [and] the physical and mental strength which characterized her generation. She was a member of the Universalist Church. Her going makes one more link severed which held this generation to the last—of whom there are now so pitifully few.

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¹ Her name on her gravestone in Lakeview Cemetery is spelled Chamberlain.