

[Coe, Lillian E. Frederick]

MRS. LILLIAN E. COE

CENTRAL SQUARE—The death of Mrs. Lillian E. Coe, widow of Adelbert E. Coe, came as a shock to her many friends. Mrs. Coe had been in poor health the last months. A heart attack early Thursday morning necessitated her removal to University hospital, Syracuse, where she died shortly after her arrival.

Mrs. Coe was born Nov. 17, 1877 on a farm near Madison, N.Y. She was the daughter of the late Henry Frederick and Julia Sauerhafer Frederick, both of whom came to this country from Germany. After her marriage to Mr. Coe, of Hamilton, N.Y., they moved to Mallory, where Mrs. Coe was employed as a teacher in the village school.

Recognizing an opportunity to establish a telephone company in a promising community like Central Square when, at that time, only one phone was located and that connected with the Bell Telephone Company, Mr. Coe organized the Central Square Telephone Co., which at his death in 1927 had 300 telephones.

Mrs. Coe acted as switchboard operator for the first few subscribers while she cared for her family, as the business was located in their apartment in the Bates-Elliot block which was destroyed by the fire of December 1926. Previous to the fire the business had been moved to the Bennett property where it is still located.

About 1908 the family bought and moved into the Dr. Drake home on Fulton street and in 1914 the original house was moved and a new home built on the site where Mrs. Coe had since resided.

Following the death of her husband Mrs. Coe sold the telephone business to Alfred D. Jones, the present owner.

She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, Elizabeth Caldwell Chapter 141, and a member of the Universalist church of this village.

Surviving are her two daughters, Mrs. LaVerna Lewis and Mrs. Florence Wickham, both of Central Square, and one sister, Mrs. Minnie Green of West Monroe, and two grandchildren, Elaine Rita Lewis and Constance Lee Wickham.

The funeral was held at her home on Fulton street Sunday at 3 o'clock with the Rev. William J. Metz of the Universalist church officiating. The bearers were Kenneth and Arlo Green, Vernon and Arnold Goettel, Roger VanAuken and Stanley Allen. Funeral arrangements were by Watson and Hilton, funeral directors. Burial will be made in the Spring in Hillside cemetery, Central Square.

Other relative present at the service were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Georgia, Miss Shirley Meehan, Mr. and Mrs. Arlon Green, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sundberg of Utica, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Giordano of Hamilton, N.Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wickham of Brewerton.

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