

[Curtis, Damon C.]

DAMON C. CURTIS

A shock of sadness was spread over the community of Schuylers Lake Sunday morning, caused by the announcement that Damon C. Curtis had expired at his residence after a few hours illness, and the news of his death caused sorrow in all adjoining communities, as Mr. Curtis was so well known in this section. He closed a week of active life work and retired in about his usual health but about four o'clock in the morning he awoke suffering with a severe heart difficulty, which increased until about eight o'clock when death claimed its victim. Mr. Curtis had been a resident of the town of Exeter nearly his whole life, except a few years when he was conducting a mercantile business in Springfield Centre. He was a successful farmer, and followed that pursuit up to within the past few years [during] which time he has performed the work of funeral director and undertaker. He had one of the handsomest homes in Schuylers Lake, which he, with his amiable companion [Betsey Counrod Curtis] enjoyed alone, as no children were ever born to them. The funeral services were held from the house yesterday. Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward [Universalist] delivered the sermon and (R. W. S. R.?) Stewart read the Masonic burial ceremony at the grave. Large delegations of Masons were present from Evergreen Lodge, of Springfield Centre, Richfield Springs Lodge and Schuylers Lake Lodge, of which Mr. Curtis was an honored member. His was the first death of a Past Master of Evergreen Lodge, of which he was once Master. He was 54 years of age and his life has been spent in usefulness and industry. It can truthfully be said that a good man has gone, a vacancy has been made in the home and community which will be keenly felt. To those who knew him his virtues need no rehearsing, he exemplified them in his every day life.

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