

[Curtis, Vinton L.]

V. L. CURTIS

This community was shocked Tuesday morning, March 20th, when it became known that V. L. Curtis had died very suddenly Monday evening at about 9 o'clock from heart failure. He had been around as usual during the day although not feeling in the best of health. He retired to his room earlier than usual and about 9 o'clock his daughter heard him make a slight noise and she went to him and he was dead in a few minutes, dying without a struggle.

Mr. Curtis was born in Russel[l], St. Lawrence county, Nov. 1st, 1851, the son of Charles and Charlotte Curtis. He came to the town of Morris when he was 14 years of age. His mother having died when he was young, he was brought up by his grandfather Curtis until he was 9 years old and then by his uncle, James A. Porter. After he was 14 he started out for himself working by the month, until his marriage to Miss Fannie I. Harris of Morris and lived on what is called Harris Hill, where he became a prosperous farmer and lived until they purchased a house and lot in the village, some 33 years ago, where they brought up a family of four girls. Mrs. Curtis died about three years ago.

Mr. Curtis was a prominent and loyal member of the Universalist church of Morris, and was a man of many fine traits, very loyal to his friends and always ready and willing to help his neighbors when called upon and will be greatly missed by them. For a number of years he was in the feed business in this village. For the past few years he has been a faithful employe [sic] of Ripley's Woodenware Manufactory until it closed down about two years ago.

He was also a member of Tiennderrah Lodge, F. & A.M., and Hillington Chapter, R.A.M.

He is survived by three daughters, Miss Charlotte Curtis of Oneonta; Miss Fannie M. Curtis who lived at home with her father; Vivian Curtis of Garrattsville; a half-sister, Miss Marcia Curtis of Gilbertsville and a grandson. A daughter, Mrs. Harper Steele, of Garrattsville, died last summer. The family have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from the Universalist church, Rev. F. G. Leonard officiating with burial in Hillington Cemetery and was largely attended by many sorrowing friends and acquaintances. There were many and abundance of flowers.

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