

[Davis, Gertrude Elizabeth Phillips]

Honeoye, N. Y.—On Sunday, while preparing for worship, the residents of the village were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Phillips Davis, at the Dr. Barber hospital in Rochester, whither she had gone for an operation only one week before. News reached the family here on March 18 that the operation was successful and the patient in good condition, then as a thunder bolt came the news on Sunday. Only two years ago, she underwent a critical and dangerous operation, which was so successful that her friends were hopeful she might survive the second. Never of a robust constitution, her whole life had been one long continuation of physical suffering, yet in the face of this suffering, her sunny, genial disposition and pleasant smile were always in evidence and often the subject of comment. Gertrude Elizabeth Phillips was born in the town of Bristol in 1860, the daughter of Mary Eliza Pool and John Phillips, and her life had been spent in that town and in the village of Honeoye. In 1882, she was united in marriage to Otto A. Davis, and to them two sons were born, both of whom survive: John C. Davis of this village, and Clarence A. Davis of Honeoye Falls. She is also survived by one brother, William F. Phillips of Bristol, and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Gilbert, of this village, and her aged mother, Mrs. Mary Eliza Phillips, aged 89 years. The funeral was held from the home of her mother in Honeoye, on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. G. C. Babbitt, of the Universalist church of Baptist Hill, officiating. A large concourse of friends gathered, and the beautiful blossoms which nearly hid the casket, the gift of friends, bore silent tribute to the place her sunny smile and cheerfulness had gained for her in the hearts of the people. The interment was in the family lot in Lakeview cemetery.

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