

[Derthick, Eloise E. De Groot]

MRS. JOHN DERTHICK

The death of Eloise E. De Groot Derthick, widow of John Derthick, occurred at the Derthick farm early Friday evening, January 27th. Mrs. Derthick was in her 87th year and death came from the infirmities of age.

The funeral was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Richfield Springs on Monday afternoon, January 30th. The service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Saunders, pastor of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist], Utica, the Reverend George H. McCleave, pastor of the local church, assisting. Doctor Harrie V. Frink, who enjoyed the pleasure and distinction of singing a duet with Mrs. Derthick in this church on the occasion of her eightieth birthday anniversary, sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" and "Face to Face." Mrs. Durward B. Weaver played the organ accompaniment. The bearers were Messrs. John D. Cary, Theodore W. Frink, George E. Tunnicliff, Olcott A. Chamberlin, Richard W. Devendorf and Dr. Harrie V. Frink. Interment was made in Lakeview Cemetery.

Eloise De Groot was born in New York City on November 6, 1841, the daughter of Captain Albert De Groot, a well known steamboat commander. Captain De Groot was the distinguished donor of the statue of Benjamin Franklin, statesman, patriot and master printer, which stands in Printing House Square in New York City. Mrs. Derthick lived her girlhood in New York City. Coming to this village as a summer resident, she met John Derthick, whom she married on March 12, 1863, in New York City. Mr. Derthick died in 1909.

Mrs. Derthick was a member of the [former] Universalist Church here. This church her husband helped to found and to construct, the timbers in the steeple having been sawed on [the] Derthick farm from trees on that farm.

There survive five children, Mrs. Watson Sternberg of Utica; Miss Florence K. Derthick, John A. Derthick and Mrs. William Dunloy of Brooklyn; and Edmund D. Derthick of Richfield Springs. Mrs. Derthick also had eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, all of whom with the exception of one grandchild, survive. Miss Alice Derthick, Mrs. Harold Hopkinson and Mrs. Harold Ford are among the grandchildren well known here.

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