

[Failing, Augusta Ellsworth]

Mrs. Rufus Faling¹

The relatives and many friends of Mrs. Rufus Faling were shocked and saddened Thursday afternoon upon learning that her death had occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William N. Smith, Canajoharie, whom she had been visiting. Mrs. Faling had been in poor health for a long time, but her dangerous condition was known only to intimates, and they did not think that death was so near. The body was brought to the deceased's home in Fort Plain Thursday night, and the funeral was held in the Catharine Nellis Memorial chapel Sunday afternoon, Rev. George A. Gay of Little Falls, a former pastor of the local Universalist church, officiating. Many relatives and friends were at the chapel and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Mrs. Faling was the widow of Rufus Faling [Failing], long a prominent Fort Plain. Her maiden name was Augusta Ellsworth and her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ellsworth. She was a native of Canajoharie and all of her life was passed in this vicinity. The deceased was 71 years old, a good woman from every viewpoint, one who was devoted to her family and one who was an industrious woman whose life was a useful one. The death of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis [Rita] Shinaman of Syracuse was a blow from which she could not recover. She was a member of the Universalist church and a Christian woman ever ready to be of service to those needing her. Death has called her to a long rest amply earned.

The survivors are a son, Rufus W. Faling [Failing] of New York; a sister, Mrs. George Wright of Amsterdam; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Henry Husen of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mrs. W. R. Walrath of Oneonta.

Those called here immediately by the death of Mrs. Faling or to attend the funeral were: Mrs. And Mrs. Rufus Faling [Failing], son and daughter, New York; Mrs. W. R. Walrath , daughter and son, Oneonta; Lewis Shinaman, daughter and on, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. George Wright; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dean, Amsterdam; Harry H. Davis, Fonda; Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Ostrander, Richfield Springs; Mr. and Mrs. John Fitch, Fly Creek; Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Smith, Canajoharie; Bert Quackenbush and family, Sprakers; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Alter and daughter, St. Johnsville.

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¹ Her surname is misspelled in this notice: it should be Failing.