

[Harris, Clarissa Richmond]

MRS. CLARISSA HARRIS  
Died Last Friday After an Illness of Three Weeks

Early last Friday morning, Mrs. Clarissa Harris, an old and well known resident of Whitesville, after an illness of three weeks' time passed to the higher life. Mrs. Harris was born on the Cryder creek road November 14, 1828, the seventh of eleven children born to Ebenezer Richmond and Lois Goff. On the 25th of August, 1849, she was married to Cyrus Harris, who died May 17, 1899. Five children were born to them, four of which are dead; one son, Willet Harris, besides and adopted daughter, Mrs. Arthur Wilson, three brothers, Harvey S., Henry A., and George and an unusually large circle of relatives and friends are left to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Harris was well known and held in the highest of esteem by all who knew her, as a woman exemplifying a high type of Christian character, a good neighbor, a lenient mother and always ready to help in any good work that her hands were summoned to do. She had been a faithful and active worker in the Universalist church and society for over fifty years. She was seldom found away from church during its services and then only through sickness or some unavoidable circumstances. Her interest in the great cause of humanity was not confined to the needs of the local church alone, for she had taken the denominational paper of her church, the Universalist Leader, for over forty years.

The funeral was held on Saturday at 2 o'clock from the Universalist church, in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing relatives and friends, her pastor, Rev. James Herrick, officiating. The flowers, of which she was so fond, were many and beautiful. The church was trimmed with flowers and draped in black and white. The interment was in the Rural cemetery in the family lot.

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