

[Miles, Calista M. Royce]

MRS. IRA C. MILES

Thursday morning July 20th occurred the death of Calista M. Miles, wife of Mr. Ira C. Miles at there [sic] home at this place. Her death was due to heart trouble from which she had been a sufferer at times for the past year and a half. She came home from Albany in company with Mr. Miles in June, for a short vacation but was taken seriously ill and was never able to return. She rallied however for a few days and was able to be moved from Mr. Wm. Gardner's, where she was taken ill, to her own home now occupied by A. E. Kerr and family.

The deceased was born in the town of Potsdam, her maiden name being Calista Royce. She commenced teaching school at the age of fifteen and continued successfully at that work until her health failed her in 1873.

On January 28, 1874 she was united in marriage to Mr. Ira C. Miles and in 1878 they came to this town to reside, Mr. Miles, in company with Mr. Butler of Potsdam, having purchased the grist mill. Since that time with the exception of a few winters spent in Albany when Mr. Miles was Assemblyman, they have made this their home here until 4 years ago when Mr. Miles was appointed to the Excise Dept. at Albany. Since then they have spent the greater portion of the time there but always spoke of Edwards as home and came here to spend their vacation.

Mrs. Miles was a woman of strong personal character, one who exemplified in her every day life the Christian she professed to be. She had many friends by whom she will always be remembered. She was a member of the Universalist church, and for a number of years was a teacher in the S. S. and so far as her health would permit was always an active worker and a regular attendant. She was a charter member of the O.E.S. and for three years was Worthy Matron of that order. The funeral was held at the home Thursday at two p. m. and was largely attended. Rev. H. P. Forbes of Canton, assisted by Rev. S. T. Williams officiated, four nephews, Ed, Leslie, Will and Noel Royce acting as bearers. The members of the O.E.S. attended in a body.

Noticeable among the floral offerings, which were many and beautiful were a star of the five colors of the order from the O.E.S., two wreaths from the F. and A.M. and I.O.O.F. a pillow from Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Royce and roses from friends in the church besides a large quantity of cut flowers from relatives and friends.

Of her immediate family she is survived by her husband, one sister Mrs. Parmeter of So. Colton and one brother Mr. Sherman Royce of Russell.

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