

[Nellis, John Dewitt]

John DeWitt Nellis

FORT PLAIN—John DeWitt Nellis, 68, died Sunday morning at 2:25 o'clock at his home on Main Street, of heart trouble. He was born in the Town of Palatine August 26, 1874, a son of Mortimer and Magdalene Nestle Nellis. In early life he was a gardener, later a farmer, and since 1926 had been employed by the New York State Highway Department in Montgomery County, retiring in 1941 because of ill health. He was a member of Mohawk Valley Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Fort Plain Universalist Church and the New York State Civil Service Association. Of a jovial and kind disposition, he made and retained friends of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Nellis was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Fusmer, who died in 1925. [On] June 11, 1931, he married Miss Edna Bulger, and since that time had lived in Fort Plain.

The survivors are his wife; two daughters by his first marriage, Mrs. Clyde I. Newton, Amsterdam, and Mrs. Samuel Neill, Broadalbin; two granddaughters, Mary Agnes Newton, Amsterdam, and Betty Kay Johnson, Ticonderoga; two sisters, Mrs. John Henry, Fonda, and Mrs. J. Eddy Smith, Johnstown, also several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at the home until 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the body will be taken to the Swartz funeral home. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. William A. Haney officiating. Burial will be in the Sand Flats Cemetery, Fonda.

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