

[Ray, Malvina]

DEATHS.

In Clayville, Oneida county, on the 2d inst., of pulmonary consumption, MALVINA, oldest daughter of Palmer and Lucy W. Ray, aged 18 years, 8 months and 12 days. This is the fifth¹ child these parents have been called to follow to an early grave, the last one preceding this being an infant son, who died in May last. Malvina, the subject of this notice, was a kind hearted and most amiable young lady, who but a few months since was in apparent health; but disease, in the form of consumption, that insidious foe to human life, seized on her youthful frame, undermined her constitution, and shortly laid her loved form in the cold and silent grave. She was, however, fully prepared to meet the destroying angel, having for some time cherished the cheering and all-sustaining faith of a world's salvation; and when the pale messenger arrived, she welcomed him with a smile, bid her friends not to mourn for her, assuring them she was going to a better home, a richer country, and a more enduring mansion than she was leaving here; and that their loss, which was only temporary, would be her immortal and everlasting gain. Her hope was "an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, entering into that within the vale." These mourning parents do not mourn like those with no hope, but entertaining the same blessed faith, that so effectually sustained their departed daughter on her dying pillow; they rejoice in the assurance of meeting her in that better country, where no tears are shed, no sigh is heard, no farewell uttered, no sickness known, no death endured—where all are made alive in Christ, to suffer, to die no more forever. By request of the deceased, made some weeks previous to her death, the writer of this notice officiated at her funeral, which was attended at the Baptist Church at Cassville, and the consolations of the Gospel administered to the mourners, and a numerous concourse of sympathizing friends and acquaintances, from Heb. vi:19.

D. S. [Dolphus Skinner]

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¹ They were *Myron P.*, died 27 Jul 1839, age, 2y 6m 22d; *Hiram P.*, died 9 May 1843, age 5m 9 d; *Cornelia E.*, died 9 Jan 1847, age 1y 8m 4d; and *Wallace L.*, died 10 May 1851, age 4m 4d. Their father *Palmer Ray* was born in the town of Paris on 10 Apr 1808 and died 24 Dec 1893; their mother *Lucy W. Clement Ray* was born in Petersham, MA on 21 Jul 1810 and died on 27 Oct 1891. The family plot is in Budlong Cemetery, town of Paris, Oneida Co. NY. Two surviving children at the time of Malvina's death were Ellen, age about 8, and Wellington, born about 1850.