

[Richardson, Laura Lee]

MRS. C. C. RICHARDSON

Death of a Highly Esteemed Lady in this Village, Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Columbus Richardson, who has been suffering for a number of weeks, died at her home of Main street, Saturday afternoon.

Laura Lee was born in Herkimer county, December, 1831, and removed with her parents to the town of Independence when she was about three years of age. The country was new and the lives of the early settlers were full of hardships. People often drove ten or fifteen miles to attend religious services. At one of these meetings Laura, then about sixteen years old, united with the Universalist church, and remained a consistent, earnest disciple of Christ. [On] December 6, 1851, she was united in marriage to C. C. Richardson who survives her. Of this marriage were born four children—Leila M., who died at the age of eight years, in 1863; Charles L., who with his family, resides in this village; Mays M. whose home is in Buffalo; and Mrs. Ailean Hall of North Hill. Mrs. Richardson's character was one of singular sweetness and strength. Her home was also the home of six of her aged friends and relatives, who one after another were cared for and lived in their declining years by herself and her equally unselfish husband. A kind and affectionate daughter and sister, a loving mother, a faithful friend, a devoted church member has gone, but gone to a better and more beautiful home in the broader life beyond. She leaves, besides her husband and children, two brothers, Charles Lee of Wellsville and Erwin D. Lee of this village. She was for many years a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and this organization attended the funeral services in a body. The entire community mourns the loss of a dear friend, but are assured that with her "it is well" indeed.

The funeral was held at the Universalist church, at 3 p.m. Monday, the Rev. E. Alice Bradley officiating, assisted by the Rev. H. F. Osborne and the Rev. Thomas Broxholm. The burial was in the family lot in the Baptist cemetery.

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