

[Sage, Ella Coe]

CONESUS CENTER

It is with a feeling of sadness that I chronicle the death of Ella, wife of J. [John] R. Sage, and oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. [Amos Dixon and Jane Jerome] Coe of our village, which occurred at Rochester on Thursday of last week. Reared in the quiet surroundings of our little village, her gentle, lady-like nature developed into a graceful womanhood. She was beloved by all who knew her, endearing herself to friends and acquaintances by those strong, noble principles which all admire and love in the character of friend and associate. All her early life was passed in our town, and after arriving at womanhood she gave some attention to the teaching of music, in which she was very successful. She also taught music in a seminary at Mitchellville, Iowa, where she was highly esteemed by the faculty as a teacher and lady. About ten years ago [on 10 Dec 1874 in Polk Co. Iowa] she was married to Mr. Sage, and moved to Iowa, where they have since resided. In July last Mrs. Sage and family came to Conesus to pay her parents a visit. Shortly after, her health began to fail her and she continually grew worse, until a council of physicians was called and a decision reached that her troubles arose from a tumor. On Tuesday of last week an operation was performed by Drs. Whitbeck, Moore and Dann of Rochester and others, and a tumor weighing forty pounds was removed. Mrs. Sage (I am told) felt quite confident that the operation would result in her death, yet knowing that death was certain without it, and that there might be possible chance for recovery with it, she bravely consented to the operation. It was skillfully and successfully performed, but being frail she was unable to stand the shock. She leaves a little daughter [Ruby] six years old. The remains were brought to Conesus Saturday and the funeral was held from the Universalist church Sunday at 12 M., where a large concourse of people assembled to pay their final tribute, the Rev. L. C. Brown [Lewis Cresaba Browne] of Honeoye Falls officiating. He read two chapters in the book of Corinthians, read by the deceased the Sabbath before her death. His text was taken from Isaiah lxiv—vi: "And we all do fade as a leaf." The remains were interred in the Arnold cemetery, this village. The pall bearers were Lewis Perrin, W. H. Mills, W. A. Miller, J. D. Morris, D. W. Trescott and W. S. Jones.

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