

[Shimel, John]

Death of John Shimel

John Shimel died at his home in Center Street Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, after fifteen years of invalidism. During this period he was confined entirely to his bed or his wheel chair.

Mr. Shimel was born in Springfield July 12, 1843. He moved to Richfield while still a young man. On Jan. 1, 1888, he married Mary E. Forrest of Russa, N.Y., who lived but a few years after their marriage. [On] Oct. 22, 1890, he married Cora L. Firman of Richfield, who survives him, together with one sister, Mrs. George Hopkinson of De Peyster, N.Y., a niece, Mrs. Rose Johnston of De Peyster, and four nephews, Norman, Arthur and George Hopkinson of Columbia and Dayton Shimel of Mohawk. The deceased was a member of the Universalist Church of this village. During his active years Mr. Shimel lived on a farm in Richfield, just north of the village, where he was considered one of the most energetic and successful farmers of his day. He was unusually fond of good horses and was always the possessor of a handsome and spirited team that won many a premium at the annual Richfield fair.

During his long years of illness his cheerfulness and patience were remarkable. The friends who visited him were always sure of a smile and a pleasant greeting. His faithful and devoted wife has been untiring in her care and solicitude for his comfort and to her is extended the heartfelt sympathy of her friends.

The funeral service was held from the home on Tuesday at 2 p.m., Rev. David C. Davies of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment in the family plot in Lakeview Cemetery.

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