

[Smith, Almira Washburn]

MANNSVILLE  
DEATH AND FUNERAL OF MRS. LOUIS SMITH

The sudden death of Mrs. Smith last week was a shock to the community and leaves the husband in a sad and pitiable plight. Mrs. Smith went over to Henderson to visit her sister, Mrs. Washington Stevens, and was taken suddenly ill. Mr. Smith, of the Ganges, in the meantime came home on a short furlough and visited his family. He went over and saw his wife and no fears were entertained of the seemingly mild attack and he returned to the canal to join his vessel. He had barely reached his destination when the summons contained the announcement of her death. He hurried home in time for her funeral. The maiden name of the deceased was Almira Washburn and she was the second daughter of the late Joseph E. Washburn, and sister of J. Maxcy Washburn, of this village. She was born in this village and was about forty years of age. She was married to Mr. Louis Smith about ten years ago, by whom she had two children who are left motherless at a tender age. The deceased was a most loyal, affectionate and dutiful wife and inherited in a marked degree the even temper, sunny disposition and placid temperament of her father. Her winning ways and unselfish disposition naturally made many friends, and no one ever heard of any ruffle or dispute she had with any person in the world. Her home was one of peace and happiness and as a consequence the ties between husband and wife were very strong and abiding. In consequence of her conciliatory disposition she was in high favor with her neighbors and all regret her demise. Notwithstanding all this she was like her father, intelligent in her apprehensions and pronounced in her views, and although a woman of few words she was thoughtful and possessed of an excellent sense and judgment. She was conscientious and religious and intelligently adopted the [Universalist] faith of her fathers, the ultimate salvation and happiness of the [human] race. The funeral was attended from the house and was conducted by Rev C. H. Walton, and the pastor of the Universalist church, Ellisburgh. Mr. John Freeman, a brother-in-law of the deceased, has acted the part of the good Samaritan and taken the children into his family.

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