

[Stephens, Melinda Miller]

CEDARVILLE.

—Mrs. Melinda Miller Stephens died at the home of her sisters, March 29, 1908 in this village. She was born in the town of Columbia, Herkimer county. N.Y. in the year 1837; was educated at Whitestown and West Winfield seminaries. Her early life was devoted to school teaching. She was married to Prof. W. J. Stephens, a noted tenor singer of Wales, England in 1883, since that time their home has been in West Winfield, Utica, New York City and Washington, D.C. While at the latter place Prof. Stephens was principal of Howard University for 12 years. She is survived by her husband; one brother, Dr. Adam Miller of Jordanville, where they had made their home for the past three years; and two sisters Miss Cornelia Miller and Mrs. K. M. Brown of Cedarville. She was loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed. Her cheery ways, charitable work and uncomplaining life were an inspiration to all around her. She was a Universalist in faith, from which church her funeral services were held Wednesday, April 1st at 1 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. G. [George] F. Babbitt officiating; burial was in the local cemetery [Cedarville Cemetery].

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