

[Stiles, Albertis E.]

ALBERTIS E. STILES PASSES IN SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

Albertis E. Stiles passed away at his home, 57 East Main Street, Wednesday morning at about 2:30 following a week of critical illness from heart difficulty. Funeral services were conducted from the late home Friday at 2:30 p.m., the Rev. Emerson A. Lalone, pastor of the first Universalist Church officiating. Burial will be made at Evergreen later in the spring.

Mr. Stiles was a native of the town of Russell, and was born in that town on May 23, 1861, the son of the late Ezra and Juliet Clark Stiles. The Stiles family were native[s] of New England, coming into St. Lawrence County in the early pioneer days and settling in the town of DeKalb. His father Ezra Stiles was born in the town of DeKalb in 1837, the first of four children in the family. The family then removed to the town of Russell where the remaining children were born, including Henry Stiles, Niles and Aaron Stiles, all now dead. Niles Stiles studied law and was admitted to the bar but died as he was establishing a practice in Carthage.

There were three children born to Ezra and Juliet Clark Stiles, Albertis E.—better known as Bert—Frank and Addie. Addie died in early youth, Frank passed away in recent years in Potsdam and Bert, the eldest, is the last to go.

Mr. Stiles' early life was spent in the town of Russell on the farm where he was born. Both he and his brothers were musicians—fiddlers—and played at country dances for years in that section. They were both popular and had many friends. The Richardson boys, also of Russell, played with the Stiles boys from time to time.

In 1885 he was joined in marriage with Miss Bertha Farmer of the Olin Settlement and five years later he went to the farm in that settlement and operated it until he removed to this village seven or eight years ago. A short time ago a story was carried in these columns describing the old Olin School record book. Mr. Stiles was one of the officers of the school named in that book and let the contract for the building of the present school building.

Mr. Stiles leaves a widow, Bertha Farmer Stiles, a son and daughter, Mrs. Anna McRostie, a teacher in Canton village schools, and Lauren E. Stiles, a well known contractor of Northern New York whose home is in this village.

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