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MRS. MELVIN TULLER

Flora Minerva Tuller, widow of the late Melvin Tuller, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James McKee, at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, September 27th. The deceased had been an invalid for twenty years. The funeral service will be held at the late home on Friday afternoon at three o'clock, the Reverend L. H. Robinson of the Universalist church officiating, and interment will be made in Lakeview cemetery.

Mrs. Tuller was born near Angell Tavern in the town of Richfield, and was one of the eleven children of Hiram and Mahala Burgess. On November 6, 1861, she was married to Melvin Tuller. Immediately after marriage Mrs. Tuller came to Richfield Springs with her husband and lived for a while with his parents in the Tuller House, then later in the Davenport House, in the ground floor of which building Mr. Tuller's store was then located. Later Mr. Tuller purchased the building on Main street, known as the Tuller cottage, remodeled it into its present form, and there Mrs. Tuller lived until two years ago when she removed with her daughter, Mrs. James McKee, to the latter's home on the corner of Center and James streets. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tuller were the parents of six children. One child, Bessie, died in infancy; a son, Henry H. Tuller, died on December 19, 1903. The four surviving children are Mrs. Henry A. Ward, Mrs. James McKee and Charles M. Tuller of this village, and William Tuller of North Adams, Mass.

The last ride taken by this Christian woman in her familiar wheel chair, was to the Universalist church, of which she was ever a devoted and loyal member. Devotion to her family and devotion to her church were the two outstanding virtues of the many commendable and exemplary qualities of Mrs. Melvin Tuller. No more of good could be said of any woman. Mrs. Tuller was also a member of Ganowauges Chapter, D.A.R. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the children and grandchildren.

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MRS. FLORA MINERVA BURGESS TULLER

Mrs. Flora Minerva Burgess, widow of the late Melvin Tuller, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James McKee, at Richfield Springs, at 7 o'clock in the morning of September 27th, after many years of illness. The immediate cause of death was gastritis. Mrs. Tuller was seventy-two years of age, fifty-five years of which had been passed in that village to which she came as a young bride. The deceased was a lifelong member of the Universalist church in whose service she was ever most faithful and efficient, and where many later years she was an attendant, although it was necessary to take her to church in an invalid's chair. Her death takes one of the best loved women of her church and of the village, where her passing will be deeply felt by all.

Mrs. Tuller was a charter member of the Ganowauges Chapter, D.A.R., from whose membership she was the first to be called. The survivors are two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Ward and Mrs. James McKee, of Richfield Springs, and two sons, Charles M., of that village, and William N. of North Adams, Massachusetts. The arrangements for the obsequies are not yet made.

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