

[Ward, Nettie Tuller]

Richfield Springs
MRS. NETTIE T. WARD

Mrs. Nettie Tuller Ward died in the Clark Nursing home, in this village, July 20th. Mrs. Ward, who had an apartment in the First National Bank building, had been a patient in the Nursing Home since last November.

Mrs. Ward was the daughter of Melvin and Flora (Burgess) Tuller and was born in Richfield Springs, January 4, 1864. She was the last surviving member of the first class graduated from the Richfield Spa Seminary. Her marriage to Dr. Henry Alson Ward took place in the Universalist church in this village, April 29, 1886, with his father, the Rev. S. R. [Samuel Roland] Ward, officiating. With the exception of several years in Ilion, most of their married life was spent in this village. Dr. Ward died June 30, 1928.

She was a member of the Universalist church [e.g. before its closure] and later a communicant of St. John's Episcopal church where she held office in the Women's Auxiliary, was a past president of the Rector's Aid Society, a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School for a number of years. Mrs. Ward was the first matron of Arbutus Chapter, 317 O.E.S., which office she served from 1904 through 1907. She was also district deputy grand matron of the Otsego-Schoharie District of the Eastern Star during 1905-1906, and again during 1911-1912.

Mrs. Ward was a member of Ganowauges Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and served as regent from 1930-1934. She shared with her husband a keen interest in compiling a history of this locality, "Annals of Richfield," which was published in book form in 1898. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. James McKee, a niece, Mrs. Perrin Masters and a nephew, James McKee, Jr., all of Richfield Springs; a niece, Mrs. D. M. Fiore, now residing in Bedford, England, and a nephew, Harry Tuller of Norwich, N.Y.

The Eastern Star ritual service was held at the McGrath Funeral Home. Saturday, July 21, at 8 p. m., and the funeral service was held in St. John's Chapel, Sunday, July 22 at 2 p. m., the Rev. Frederick P. Hurd, rector of St. Mary's Church, Springfield Center, officiating. The bearers were James McKee Jr., Rodney L. Swift, Wesley Andrews, and Franklin Ball. The burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

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