

[Ward, Thankful M. Sheldon Sherman]

MRS. SAMUEL R. WARD

The death of Mrs. Thankful M. Sheldon Sherman Ward, the widow of the Rev. Samuel R. Ward, occurred at her home in Richfield Springs, Saturday, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Ward's mental activities were as keen as though time had not laid its hand on her and her cheery, bright disposition and her interest in all the good things of life told of a much younger spirit. She counted every one who knew her as a friend and during the long pastorate of her husband in Richfield Springs in the Universalist church, which covered thirty-five years, she was a devoted, efficient and loving assistant in all the activities which distinguished him as a man and as a clergyman. She was a rare woman and it was a pleasure to have known her.

Mrs. Ward was the daughter of Samuel Sherman and Thankful Sheldon Sherman and was born near Middleport, November 10, 1829. On December 9, 1852 she and the Rev S. R. Ward were married and lived in Middleport for a time, and later they had residences in Smithport, Pa., Portageville, Rome, Syracuse, Middleville and Richfield Springs [New York], where the Rev. Mr. Ward died in 1902. She was of Puritan ancestry, her forbears on both the male and distaff side, and came to Massachusetts in 1636. She is survived by two sons, Dr. H. A. Ward of Richfield Springs and Charles of Watertown; five grandchildren: Kenneth and Stanley Ward of Watertown, Ward and Kenneth Franklin of Jersey City, and Mrs. Clarence E. Ball of Ilion, and a great-grandchild, Clarence Ball. The funeral was held privately from her residence, the Rev. L. H. Robinson of the Universalist church officiating, and the interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

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