

[Wentworth, Harriet Shear]

Mrs. W. D. Wentworth

Mrs. William Douglas Wentworth, one of the oldest and best known residents of this village, died Friday afternoon at her home on Main street at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Wentworth had resided in Fort Plain for the past 55 years. She was held in high esteem by a large acquaintance and her death will bring sorrow to many. Mrs. Wentworth was a native of Sharon Hill, Schoharie county, her maiden name having been Harriet Shearer<sup>1</sup>. After marrying Mr. Wentworth, when quite young, she came here, where she had since lived most of the time. The deceased had been in poor health since June of this year and her life had been despaired of several times, but she rallied and continued the fight until death claimed her Friday. Besides her husband she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Edwin W. Wood of Fort Plain, Mrs. E. L. Prince of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. E. N. McNeill and Mrs. Harry Glazier of Los Angeles, Cal.; two sons, Howard L. Wentworth of Fort Plain and Douglas Wentworth of Syracuse; two sisters, Mrs. Anne Dunn of Minaville and Mrs. Charles DeMott of Gloversville; one brother, William Shearer of Morrison, Ill.; also several grandchildren. The funeral was held Monday from the deceased's late home, Rev. H. Elmer Gilchrist, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating.

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<sup>1</sup> The 1855 state census for Middlefield, Otsego Co. NY gives her childhood name as Shear.