

[Wick, Celestia O. Willmarth]

Mrs. John G. Wick

The people of Richfield Springs were shocked and deeply saddened yesterday afternoon by the announcement of the sudden death of one of their most highly esteemed and much respected townswomen, Mrs. Celestia O., wife of John G. Wick, who had been confined to her bed but a few days. A short time since she had injured her foot, which gave her little trouble at the time, but later Erysipelas set in and she was compelled to take to her bed, where although her foot was improving it was discovered that she had a more serious complication, which terminated fatally on Wednesday.

Mrs. Wick was one of the five daughters of the late Captain Joseph [and Emily B. Arnold] Willmarth, of the town of Exeter, and spent her younger days at the Willmarth homestead in that town, which was known far and near as one of the happiest and most hospitable homes in the country. About twenty-three years ago she married Mr. Wick and they afterwards lived about a year at Wick's Corners, where Mr. Wick conducted a store, which he finally sold and came to Richfield Springs, where they have since resided, and where Mrs. Wick, by her amiable and kindly manners won for herself the warmest and deepest respect of all who knew her. She was 62 years of age and is survived by her husband and three sisters: Mrs. Addison Eaton, of Little Falls, Mrs. George Leach, of Ilion, and Mrs. O. [Alice] Jacobson, of Richfield, who have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. Funeral at the residence Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

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OTSEGO COUNTY
Richfield Springs

Mrs. John G. Wick died in this village Tuesday after an illness of a few days' duration, at the age of 62 years. Mrs. Wick's maiden name was Selestia [Celestia] Willmarth. She was a daughter of the late Captain Joseph [and Emily B.] Willmarth of Exeter. Mrs. Addison Eaton of Little Falls, Mrs. George Leach of Iliion and Mrs. Orville [Alice] Jacobson of Richfield are surviving sisters. Mrs. Wick was a woman of [a] sweet and lovable nature, and was highly esteemed by a host of friends, who are deeply saddened by her decease. The funeral services will be held Friday at 11 o'clock at the house of mourning, Rev. S. [Samuel] R. Ward of the Universalist church, officiating.

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