

[Wilcox, Sarah Chittenden]

DEATHS.  
[Abridged]

At Cheshire [MA] on Saturday, February 8th, after a short but distressing illness, Mrs. SARAH CHITTENDEN, wife of Rev. Wm. Wilcox, aged 24.

Mrs. W.'s residence in Cheshire had been but short, yet sufficiently long to very much endear her to a large circle of acquaintance... The memory of her unaffected dignity of mind, together with the graceful meekness of her pure and virtuous spirit, will remain when the beautiful casket which contained it shall have mingled with its native element.

A lovely infant daughter, for whom had been manifested all the fondness of a mother's affection, remains a seal and solace to the widowed heart of him who but ten short months previous<sup>1</sup> led the deceased a happy bride to the sacred altar. Short was their union upon earth; but the bereaved has possession of a faith which supports him in this trying hour...

Mrs. W. was a subject of early religious impressions, and at the age of 17 made a public profession of religion, by uniting with the Universalist society in Stephentown, N.Y., of which society she continued a virtuous and exemplary member until the time of her death... Although a Universalist, Mrs. W. was no sectarian; she was ready to aid all who were engaged in improving the condition of society, and to worship with all who would worship God in sincerity and truth, and she protested against that spirit of fault-finding against other denominations which is too common with professed Christians of the present day. But a few days before her death, she observed to the writer, that she "did not think it necessary for clergymen of her faith to be employed in opposing other denominations, or in exposing the errors of their creeds," for, said she, "there is a moral power in the truth, which if rightly inculcated, will overcome all else." Would that every heart had this strong confidence in the truth of God...

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<sup>1</sup> Married, in Stephentown on the 11th instant, by Rev. L. C. [Lewis Cresaba] Browne, Rev. WILLIAM WILCOX of Nassau to Miss SALLY CHITTENDEN of Stephentown. *Troy Daily Whig*, Troy NY, Sat. 13 Apr 1839.