

[Wiles, John Milton]

John M. Wiles

The death of John Milton Wiles of Van Hornesville removes a man prominent in his community for many years. He was at the time engaged in hanging a screen door, when he suffered an acute attack of heart trouble, to which he had been subject for years, and died almost instantly. Mr. Wiles was 55 years old, and was born in Springfield, Otsego county, his family being early settlers in that town. He obtained his education in the common schools, and his earlier years were spent on the farm. Twenty years ago he went to Van Hornesville and bought out a general store, which he conducted up to the time of his death, much of the time acting as deputy postmaster until a short time ago when the office was removed from his store to another location. He was a Democrat in politics, though not an office holder, but was interested in the schools, and acted as trustee and clerk. He was active in village improvement matters, and his efforts resulted in new and improved sidewalks and better roadways. He was much interested in the local Grange, a substantial member of the Universalist church, and a member of Evergreen Lodge, F. & A. M., of Springfield Center. In various ways he took a prominent part in the business, social and political life of his community and beyond, and in all his dealings with his neighbors his ability was recognized, his integrity and influence always for the better things. In his death his family and the community have sustained an irreparable loss.

Mr. Wiles is survived by his widow, who was Miss Ida Young, three daughters [Bessie Wiles, Edith Bierman, and Mae Shults] and one son, Benjamin F. Wiles, now circulation manager of "The Craftsman," New York city. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock last Friday afternoon.

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