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FUNERAL OF MRS. WILLIAMS

Funeral services for Mrs. J. H. Williams, formerly of this city, who died in Utica Thursday afternoon where held in the Bradley Memorial Chapel this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. H. [Hebert] M. Cary, pastor of the First Universalist Church, officiated. A number of friends of the deceased were present. There were a number of beautiful floral tributes. Burial was made in Fort Hill Cemetery beside the graves of her parents.

The bearers were G. V. Loughborough, J. L. [Lewis] Grant, C. A. Porter, B. C. Wickes, Grenville Corning and James J. Hosmer.

The Utica Press had the following to say of the death of Mrs. Williams:

"Mrs. John H. Williams of 2 Otillia Street, died at 5:15 yesterday afternoon after an illness of only a week. All that medical skill and careful nursing could do to save her life was done but to no avail. News of the death of Mrs. Williams will come as a surprise to her many friends, some of whom had not even heard of her illness. She was a woman of cheerful disposition and kindly heart and she spent much of her time in the service of others. She was a very intelligent woman, broad-minded and just, and her life was one of good works and kindly deeds. Her maiden name was S. Estella Wilcox and she was born in Leyden, Lewis County, September 19, 1856. After a time her parents moved to Forestport. She received a good education and about 1880 she married John H. Williams, who was then in the dry goods business in this city.

"A few years later the couple moved to Auburn where they lived for 20 years. In 1911¹ Mr. and Mrs. Williams returned to Utica and Mr. Williams has since been in business here as the head of the J. H. Williams Millinery Company. Mrs. Williams made friends rapidly. The family had a cottage at Inlet, Seventh Lake, in the Adirondacks, where she spent many Summers very happily and made many friends. Three years ago Mr. Williams built the house at 2 Otillia Street, and she had everything to look forward to and enjoy.

"While living in Auburn Mrs. Williams was a member of the Universalist Church there and also a member of its Ladies' Aid Society. She was also a member of the Board of Managers of the Cayuga Orphan Asylum and an active worker for the institution. Since coming to Utica she had been a member of the Church of the Reconciliation [Universalist] and was treasurer of its missionary society. She was also a member of the New Century Club and an active worker in many of its projects. For years she had attended the weekly meetings of its kitchen garden where she instructed classes in sewing. She had represented the club at the meeting of the State

¹ They moved before 18 Apr 1910, when they appear in the census at Utica.

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Federation of Woman's Clubs, and last May she represented the club at the meeting of the General Federation in New York.

"For some years she had been a member of the Board of Managers of the Homeopathic Hospital and she was much interested in the erection of its new building and she had served on the Equipment Committee which furnished the new hospital. In this capacity she not only served in buying the furniture for the institution, but she spent weeks in making curtains and other articles connected with the furnishing and no one on the board worked longer or harder than she. She was in apparent good health and spirits and found pleasure in the work. She was a very capable woman, always willing to do her share and more, and always accomplishing what she undertook. In all the organizations to which she belonged she was a worker, one on whom many depended and always found dependable. She was broadminded, fair and liberal in her judgments, and not only made friends readily, but held them. She was a member of the Political Equality Club. She is survived by her husband and one son, W. Dale Williams, an attorney of Atlanta, Ga. To then the sincere sympathy of all who knew Mrs. Williams is extended."

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