

[Willis, Samantha Hollis]

Died.

WILLIS.—Died at her home in Towlesville on the 19th of May, Mrs. Samantha Willis, after an illness of one week. She was born March 15th, 1815.

Mrs. Willis was the eldest of ten children[,] seven of whom survive, four brothers and three sisters, G. W. Hollis, Mrs. R. Higgins, of Hornellsville, Mrs. A. DeGraff, of Towlesville, Mrs. R. Parker, William and Henry Hollis, of Michigan and Richard Hollis, of Dakota. She was married to Horace Willis Oct. 24th, 1834, who died Oct. 16th, 1884. She was the mother of three children. Marcus, the eldest, died when but six years of age; Fertus the youngest died in 1878 aged 31 years. Mrs. Adaline Daniels and daughter alone survive. The deceased was born and brought up in Steuben Co. She was at one time a member of the Christian church at Kanona, but afterwards embraced the Universalist faith and in that faith she lived and died. She was a woman of rare intel[lect], a great bible [sic] student, who read and tried to understand as she read. She was a model wife and mother[,] an accomplished and industrious housewife, a good manager in business. As a friend and neighbor no one ever applied to her for help or sympathy in vain. And her loss is deeply felt in the entire community.

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