

[Wills, Richard]

DEATHS.

In New Hartford, on the 24th ult., Mr. RICHARD WILLS, aged 51 years. Br. Wills has been long and extensively known and esteemed in this section. By his own industry, uprightness and intelligence, and in despite of the peculiar disadvantages which surround the colored man, he not only became a comparatively wealthy and able farmer, but was respected for nobler qualities by his neighbors—and though he followed teaching dancing for a long succession of winters, he still retained the esteem and friendship of many who are conscientiously opposed to that art—a fact which shows his native worth. He was a Universalist, and in life supported that Gospel which sustained him in his last long and painful illness. His worthy and amiable partner, and *adopted* children, reared by his bounty and care, together with other relatives and friends, lament their loss. The funeral was attended by a large concourse on the 26th, in the Presbyterian meeting house in the village, which was granted for the occasion, and a discourse delivered by Br. Cook of this city.

A. B. G. [Aaron Bort Grosh]

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