

[Willson Lelia¹

—The death of Miss Leila Wilson [Willson] occurred at her home on Leroy street Sunday night. Miss Wilson has been a great sufferer for the past two years and of late she has been urged by her family and friends to enter the Ogdensburg Hospital for treatment. This she declined to do, and on Sunday night, after asking the family to go to bed, she went to the pantry and took a dose of hellebore. Her mother discovered her shortly after, and a doctor was summoned, but her condition was such that nothing could be done and she died about 12 o'clock. Miss Wilson was born in Potsdam, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Wilson. Her father died nearly fifty years ago, and the care of the home fell to the daughter. She was always an industrious, hard working woman of cheerful disposition, and interested in church and other lines of work. Her death came as a great shock to her aged mother, whose companion she had been for so many years. Her only sister, Mrs. Ellen Whitmore, came here from California about a week ago, and one brother also survives, Dr. Joseph Wilson, [a Civil War veteran] who is now in Virginia. Funeral services will be held at the Universalist Church at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. F. L. Masseck officiating.

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Potsdam Girl Took Poison Dose.

Potsdam, July 20.—At her home on Leroy street, occurred the death of Miss Leila Wilson [Lelia Willson], who for two years past has been a great sufferer. She had been urged time and again to go to the hospital at Ogdensburg for treatment, but had always refused to do so. On Sunday night she went to the pantry and got a bottle of hellebore, which had been used for the rose bushes, and of this took a quantity. Her mother discovered her act promptly, and a doctor was summoned immediately, but her condition was such that nothing could be done. Miss Wilson was the daughter of Leander and Tirzah M. Harvey Wilson [Willson] and was born near Crary Mills, but passed most of her life in Potsdam. She is survived by her mother, with whom she had always lived here in Potsdam; a brother Joseph Wilson, who is in a Soldiers' Home in Tennessee, and one sister, Mrs. Ellen Whitmore, of Readville, Cal., who was here when her sister died and for the present will remain with the aged mother. Miss Wilson, when a young girl, taught school for a few terms, being teacher of the district school at the brick schoolhouse in the Dove neighborhood on the South Canton road, about 40 years ago. She later took up the study of music, and gave piano lessons, but of late years engaged in seamstress work, in which she excelled.

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¹ Spelling is per the family gravestone at Bayside Cemetery in Potsdam, NY