

[Wilson, Jane Ann Barker]

ANOTHER OLD RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. Jane Ann Barker Wilson Died at the Family Home February 8—
Remains Were Buried Saturday in Rural Cemetery.
WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT VICINITY.

After failing health for about five year[s], Mrs. Jane Ann Barker Wilson fell into the unconscious slumber of eternal sleep, just at the break of day last Thursday morning. Mrs. Wilson was born on the 28th of April, 1839 in Greene county, N.Y. Her parents came to this vicinity when the children of the family were small, having much to do with the pioneer life of early days.

On the twenty-second of April, 1850, she was united in marriage to Willis Wilson. Two children were born to them, Murray R. and Birney M.

Many will remember Mrs. Wilson in her connection with the Wilson Hotel, which was so many years a famous stopping-place for the traveling public. Her culinary art is remembered to this day, by many who traveling by have often stopped to inquire about Aunt Jane.

She was a member of the Universalist church, the Women's Relief Corps and the Maccabees.

The funeral was held from her late home on West Main street Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends. There were many very pretty floral tributes which bore testimony to the esteem of those who knew her, all of which was greatly appreciated and the family is grateful to all.

Mrs. Wilson's poor health for so long a time made her a shut-in, and in this way she was held back from the activities that marked her earlier days. And yet she maintained an interest in the things that were dear to her by her constant inquiry into their welfare. The change that came over her, however, during the last few weeks of her illness, impressed her and her friends who were nearby that her life was being held by a very slender cord. And when the change came it was so gradual and so quiet that it was hardly discernible when the spirit made its flight. The immediate neighbors acted as bearers and R. C. Crittenden, the local undertaker was in charge. Her pastor, Rev. J. [James] D. Herrick, brought the consolations of the Gospel to them, using the text, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

The interment was in Rural Cemetery in the family plot.

Besides the husband, one son, B. [Birney] M. Wilson and wife and son Mark, and the daughter of the late Murray, Mrs. Rhoe Leach and her family, together with two brothers, Jesse of this place and Justus of Mills, Pa., survive her.

At the request of the family, Mrs. L. G. Probasco and Mrs. H. B. Robbins sang:

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I cannot think of them as dead,
Who walk with me no more;
Along the path of life I tread,
They are but gone before.

Mine are they by an ownership,
Nor time, nor death can free;
For God hath given to Love to keep
Its own eternity.

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