

[Wood, E. Allan]

NICHOLVILLE

On Sunday afternoon at one o'clock our community was called to give up one of its leading, most substantial and highly respected citizens in the death of E. Allan Wood. His death was not unlooked for as he had been ill for several months, but when the news came it cast a gloom over all. We doubt if there is another citizen this place who will be more missed than he. Mr. Wood was a very industrious man, by trade a carpenter, and also a man of strictest integrity and carried his honesty of purpose into all his work, dealings and undertakings. He was public-spirited, alive to every good for the betterment of his home town. For the past 24 years he had been the devoted sexton of Mound Hill cemetery. During his illness, as thread by thread of his life gave way and since his death how often have we heard the remark, "Can we ever find anyone who will fill Mr. Wood's place and take the interest in beautifying the grounds as did he?" "No, I'm sure we can't." Mr. Wood no doubt did more to beautify this city of the dead and took a more far reaching interest in the work than any man who ever had charge of it since its history began 83 years ago. He was also a prominent Granger, being one of its Charter members, past master and for many years its worthy secretary—a brother who had the true Grange spirit and was unceasing in his efforts to build up this organization and to give to it his best on every occasion. As brother and sister Grangers we mourn his death today. For the past 31 years he had been the Nicholville correspondent for the Courier & Freeman and many are the friends today who will long cherish his memory in the fine articles which he has written during all these years. In the Christian faith our brother was a Universalist and strove daily to walk and live in the path which makes for good. Mr. Wood was born July 6, 1841, the only child of Hiram and Sarah Parks Wood. His birthplace was on Water street, the home now owned by Mrs. Jennie Cole, and in the year 1874 he moved to the pleasant place on upper Main street with his parents, which has since been his home. [On] January 15, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Emily Frances Chandler and to them were given four children: Benj., who passed away 4 years ago; Hila L., of this place; Mrs. Alice Mosier, of Moira, and Mrs. Grace Cutler, of Barre, Vt. He is also survived by 2 grandchildren, Grace E. Wood, of Lowell, Mass., and Walter Allan Wood, of this place. All these, including the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Wood, of Lowell, were with him in his last days to care for him and to administer to his every wish. Funeral services will take place from the late home Wednesday p.m., Rev. Lewis Robinson and Rev. R. E. Wright officiating. The Grange will attend in a body and take charge of the services at the grave.

*Malone Farmer*, Malone NY, Wed. 29 May 1918

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