[Littledyke, William J.]

WILLIAM J. LITTLEDYKE

Ill with pneumonia less than 24 hours, William J. Littledyke, 73, of St. Helena street, died about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clifford Rice of 51 St. Helena street. Mr. Littledyke was stricken Monday at his home, and the illness became so grave that it was impossible to move him to a hospital.

Mr. Littledyke had resided in the village for the past eighteen years, coming here after retiring from farming. His entire life had been passed in the vicinity of Perry.

He was born March 24, 1867, one of seven children [and the only son] born to John and Ann Williams Littledyke. The family resided about three miles east of Perry. Mr. Littledyke attended Perry Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1889. On December 27 of the same year he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Duffie of the town of Castile. She died about three and a half years ago.

Mr. Littledyke was a life-long member of the Universalist church and had served on its board of trustees. He was also a[n] active member of Constellation Lodge, F.&A.M. In business and social life he was held in the highest esteem, a man of fine character in every respect.

He is survived by a son, Harold Littledyke, and a daughter, Olive, who is Mrs. Clifford Rice; also by six grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Gayton, Perry Center, and Mrs. Fayette Schenck of east of Perry.

Four sisters, Annie, Lizzie, Addie and Mattie, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, at the Rice home, Rev. Julia Tobey officiating. Burial will be in Glenwood cemetery, with Masonic rites at the grave.

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