

[Pettengill, Jennie V. Miller]

Mrs. Walter T. Pettengill

The many friends of Mrs. W. T. Pettengill in this vicinity were shocked Monday morning to learn of her sudden death Sunday afternoon at her home in Rochester. She had prepared to go to church in the morning but later complained of not feeling well and decided to remain at home. A physician diagnosed the trouble as heart weakness but did not consider it serious. In the afternoon a second attack followed from which she did not rally.

Mrs. Pettengill was born June 30, 1850, in Clarendon, the daughter of Alexander and Lois Miller. She was a sister of the late Ogden S. Miller of this village and Frederick Miller of Caledonia, both of whom died in much the same manner as Mrs. Pettengill.

She graduated from the Brockport Normal School, then the Collegiate Institute, in the first class graduated from that institution and had always retained her interest in the school and its alumni. After graduation she taught in local schools and also in the Freehold Seminary at Freehold, New Jersey.

In 1873 she married Walter T. Pettengill in Clarendon and lived there until 1890 when the family moved to Holley. About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Pettengill sold their home here and since then have spent much of the time in Florida and in travel. They were among the oldest of the New York colony in St. Petersburg. Mrs. Pettengill took a keen interest in all the social activities there and last winter, as chairman of the Red Cross chapter, devoted much time and energy to that work.

Mrs. Pettengill was a woman of exceptional intelligence and sound judgment whose opinion was respected by all who knew her. She possessed a keenness of mind and stability of character which impressed all who came in contact with her. From childhood she was an active worker in the Universalist church.

She is survived by her husband, Walter T. Pettengill; two children, Mrs. Agnes Mosher of Rochester and B. M. Pettengill of this village; by a sister Mrs. Nellie Bissell of Holley and by three grandchildren, Beatrice and Walter Mosher and Walter Pettengill.

Funeral services were held from her late home in Rochester Tuesday afternoon, Rev. E. P. Wood, pastor of the Pullman Memorial [Universalist] church of Albion officiating. Burial was at Hillside cemetery.

*Holley Standard*, Holley NY, Thu. 19 Sep 1918

[Pettengill, Jennie V. Miller]

Death of Mrs.W. T. Pettengill.

On Sunday afternoon at her home in Harvard street, Rochester, occurred the death of Jennie Miller, wife of Walter T. Pettengill, aged 68 years.

The above announcement came as a great surprise to Mrs. Pettengill's friends here and her demise must have been unexpected as she was not known to be ill. She and her husband were at the St. Petersburg, Florida, reunion at the Fish Ponds a few weeks ago and she was apparently in the best of health.

Mrs. Pettengill was the eldest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Miller who became residents here nearly forty years ago, Mr. Miller purchasing the Agricultural works of the MacColl brothers. She frequently visited here during their lifetime and that of her brother, Fred W. Miller, also often visited the latter's widow and family.

She was a most genial, friendly woman and was a favorite with all who knew her and her death has brought regret to many. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Alfred Moshier, of Rochester, one son, Ben, living at Holley, a sister, Mrs. Nellie Bissell of Bergen. Also three grandchildren. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at Holley where the burial was also made.

*Caledonia Advertiser*, Caledonia NY, Thu. 19 Sep 1918

Transcribed on 27 Jul 2012 by Karen E. Dau of Rochester, NY