

## WILLSEY-BALLARD BIBLE

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### BIRTHS

**Townsend Ballard** born March 9, 1832  
**Eunice Ballard** born Dec 20, 1836  
**George N. Ballard** born May 31, 1857  
**Cora L. Ballard** born June 2, 1864  
**Maud J. Ballard** born April 14, 1887  
**G. Burdette Ballard** born Dec 21, 1885

**Edward D. Willsey, Sr.** born March 10, 1881  
**Edward D. Willsey, Jr.** born May 1<sup>st</sup> 1906  
**Lola Margaret Willsey** born Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> 1914  
**Richard J. Clute** born July 31, 1875  
**Stephan S. Bush** born June 12, 1888

### MARRIAGES

**George N. Allard** and **Cora L. NewKirk** married March 21, 1883  
**Edward D. Willsey** and **Maude J. Allard** married Apr. 22, 1908  
**Richard J. Clute** and **Maude J. Willsey** married July 10, 1926  
**Stephen S. Bush** and **Maude J. Clute** married Nov. 5, 1944

### DEATHS

**Townsend Ballard** died March 10<sup>th</sup> 1904  
**Eunice Ballard** died Feb 24, 1904  
**G. Burdette Ballard** died Aug. 10, 1896  
**Edward D. Willsey** died Feb. 25, 1913  
**Lola M. Willsey** died March 27, 1926

**Richard J. Clute** died Jan. 20, 1940  
**George N. Ballard** died Feb. 13, 1942  
**Stephen S. Bush** died Jan 1, 1949  
**Cora L. Ballard** died Jan. 24, 194

The following news clippings were with the Ballard Bible:

#### **Cora Ballard is Dead at 84**

Milford – Mrs. Cora Louise Ballard, 84, died at 9:15 a.m. yesterday after a lingering illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stephen Bush, Millford, where she had resided the past two years.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Ingalls Funeral Home, Cooperstown, with the Rev. Walter Miller, Baptist minister, officiating. The body will be placed in Ingalls vault for later burial at Fly Creek.

Mrs. Ballard was born June 2, 1864, in the Town of Hartwick, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Bishop) Newkirk, and was married March 21, 1883, to George Ballard, who died Feb. 13, 1942. She had formerly resided at Bowerstown.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Ballard is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Frank Brownell and Mrs. Minnie Hull, Gloversville; Mrs. Ida Griffin, Richfield Springs; Mrs. Ethel Smith, Troy; Mrs. Leon Black and Mrs. Albert LaBell, Cooperstown; two brothers, William Newkirk, Gloversville, and Claude Newkirk, Brighton; also nieces and nephews.

## **BOWERSTOWN**

Thirty friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard, Saturday evening, to celebrate the forty-eighth anniversary of their marriage. Cards were enjoyed throughout the evening and delicious refreshments were served, the main feature being the wedding cake. At the close of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were presented with a beautiful chair and plant. It was also the birthday of Mrs. Edward Ottoway who was present, and she was presented with a birthday cake and potted plant. At a late hour the guests departed for their homes, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ballard many more happy anniversaries.

## **BOWERSTOWN**

Many congratulations were received by Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard, Tuesday evening, on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, from about twenty friends of Cooperstown and Bowerstown. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard were married March 21, 1883 by the Rev. Morris Casper Warren of Christ church at the home of Charles Tuttle on Church street, Cooperstown.

There were born one daughter, Mrs. Richard Clute of Bowerstown, and one son, who died while a youngster of twelve years.

Mr. Ballard was a successful farmer for many years, later worked on the Spotswood Bowers' estate, now retired after having spent fifty years in this vicinity.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by playing cards and by being treated to a most delicious supper at 11 o'clock.

## **OBITUARY**

### **George N. Ballard**

The death of George Nelson Ballard occurred in his home in Bowerstown Friday night of last week after a long period of decline.

Born in Syracuse May 31, 1857, he was the son of Townsend and Junice (Harvey) Ballard. On March 21, 1883 he was married to Cora Louise Newkirk, and they would have celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next month.

Surviving besides the widow is one daughter, Mrs. Maude Clute, also of Bowerstown.

For the last thirty years the Ballards had been highly esteemed residents of Bowerstown, and for many years Mr. Ballard was employed at Lakelands, the estate of the late Spotswood D. Bowers. He retired about ten years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Funeral services were held at Ingall's Funeral Home in Cooperstown Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Wilbur S. Sheriff officiating. Interment in Fly Creek Cemetery.

### **George N. Ballard Dies After Prolonged Illness**

Cooperstown – Funeral services for George Nelson Ballard, 84, whose death occurred in his home in Bowerstown Friday night after a long period of decline, will be held from the Ingalls

funeral home Monday at 2. Rev. Dr. Wilbur S. Sheriff, pastor of First Baptist church, will officiate, and interment will be in Fly Creek cemetery.

Born in Syracuse May 31, 1857, he was the son of Townsend and Eunice (Harvey) Ballard. On March 21, 1883, he was married to Cora Louise Newkirk, and they would have celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next month.

Surviving besides the widow is one daughter, Mrs. Maude Clute, also of Bowerstown.

For the last 30 years the Ballards had been highly esteemed residents of Bowerstown, and for 18 years Mr. Ballard was employed at Lakelands, the estate of the late Sporrswood D. Bowers. He retired about ten years ago. He was a member of the Baptist church.

### **Alfred A. Ballard**

Alfred A. Ballard, son of Townsend and Eunice (Harvey) Ballard, passed away at the home of the daughter, Mrs. Adelaide Settemeyer, at No. 89 Denver Street, Wednesday morning, February 2d, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Ballard was the youngest son of his father's family. There were two brothers and one sister: George, who ??? at Bowerstown; William, of Burlington ??? and Mrs. Julia Shepard of ??? ??, this village.

Mr. Ballard was born at Minden, Montgomery county March 16, 1860 . He was a very efficient member of the Old Neptune Steamer Fire company which he joined more than thirty years ago receiving his honorable discharge a few years since. He was a charter member of the K.O.T.M. No. 601 of this village the only survivor of the very few of the charter members the others having passed on to join the great majority. By trade he was a mason and one who understood thoroughly his chosen profession.

The funeral service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Settemeyer the Rev. Dr. Truman F. Hall officiating with burial at Fly Creek cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his death the above mentioned members of the family, one son, Walter Ballard, three grand-children, Gertrude, Theodore, and Norman Ballard of Rome, besides other relatives and many friends.

Among the out of town friends were the following: Mrs. Philip Jones of Richfield Springs, Mrs. Fayette Story of Richfield Springs, Mrs. Richard Schooley of Richfield Springs, Mr.

### **Adelaide Settemeyer Succumbs at Cooperstown**

Cooperstown, Oct. 16 – Mrs. Adelaide Ballard Settemeyer, 55, wife of Winfield S. Settemeyer, died unexpectedly Friday night at her home, 89 Beaver Street, following a heart attack. She had been in ill health for the last ten years. She had made plans to pass the weekend in Rome with the family of her brother, Walter Ballard.

The funeral will be held from the Ingalls funeral home Monday afternoon at 2. Rev. Wilbur S. Sheriff, pastor of the First Baptist church, will officiate, and officers of Otsego chapter, O.E.S. will also have part. Interment will be in the Fly Creek Valley cemetery.

Mrs. Settemeyer was born in Forkshop, near Cooperstown, March 29, 1883, the daughter of Alfred A. and Sarah Murray Ballard. She had lived all of her life in this vicinity.

Her marriage to Mr. Settemeyer occurred Oct. 20, 1912, in a double wedding ceremony performed by Rev. Frank S. Squyer, then pastor of the First Baptist church, in which the other participants were Harrington H. and Mabel Aller Yule of 14 Eagle street, this village.

Surviving are the husband and brother in Rome. George Ballard of Bowerstown, and William Ballard of Schenevus are uncles; Mrs. Julia Shepard of Albany, and Mrs. Richard Clute of Bowerstown are aunts. There also remain one niece, Mrs. Ernest Hardy, Taberg; and two nephews, Theodore Ballard, Lee Center, and Norman Ballard of the Philippine Islands.

She was a member of the First Baptist church, and Otsego chapter, order Eastern Star of this village.

### **Ex-Cooperstown Resident Dies After Short Illness**

Cooperstown, Mar. 1 – Mrs. Julia Shepard, 77, widow of Charles Shepard, formerly of Cooperstown, died Wednesday morning in Albany City hospital following a four-day illness. The body will be brought to the Ingalls funeral home here, where the funeral will be held Friday at 1. Rev. Jackson L. Cole, rector of Christ Episcopal church will officiate and burial will take place in Fly Creek cemetery.

The deceased was the daughter of Townsend and Eunice (Harvey) Ballard and was born June 1, 1862. Her husband died suddenly in Onconia about two years ago. Surviving are two brothers; William Ballard of Schenevus and George Ballard of Cooperstown; and a niece, Mrs. Richard Clute of Cooperstown, R.D.

### **Milford Woman Dies at Her Home**

Milford—Mrs. George Sargent, 65, a resident of this community for 19 years, died at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday at her home here.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at the home. The Rev. Kenneth Kingston, pastor of the Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Clayville.

Lorena Sargent was born on July 5, 1893 at Clayville, daughter of Joseph and Nettie (Arnold) White. She was married on April 12, 1913 to George Sargent.

A practical nurse, Mrs. Sargent had worked at the Otsego County Hospital for 14 years until she retired about four years ago. She was a member of the Methodist Church and WSCS.

Surviving are her husband; two daughters; Mrs. Francis Livingston, Saratoga Springs, and Mrs. Frank LaMonica, Onconia; a sister, Mrs. Floyd Dickson, Clayville, and a grandson, Francis Livingston Jr., Saratoga Springs.

### **Stephen S. Bush**

Stephen S. Bush, 61, for the past two years fireman at the Otsego County Home at Phoenix Mills, dropped dead of a heart attack at the home Saturday night.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Ingalls Funeral Home, Cooperstown, The Rev. Walter A. Miller, Westville, officiated. The body was placed in the funeral home vault for burial at Fly Creek later this year.

Mr. Bush was born June 12, 1888, in Oneonta, the son of Willis and Mary (Simpson) Bush. He married the former Maude Clute, who survives, Nov. 5, 1944 at Montrose, Pa.

A former engineer he lived in Cooperstown before coming to Milford. He was a member of the Milford Odd Fellows Lodge, the Susquehanna Rebekah Lodge at Milford, and Hartwick Seminary Grange.

Also surviving are a brother, James Bush, Oneonta and a niece, Mrs. Howard Beagle, Mount Vision.

**Obituary Miss Lucy H. Chrisler**

Miss Lucy Harris Chrisler of Cooperstown, died in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital Sunday morning, following a brief illness.

She was born in Cooperstown, the daughter of William J. and Annie Louise (Tanner) Chrisler. She was a descendent of Catherine Perry, sister of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and of Benjamin Gallup of Revolutionary War fame. She was also a descendent of Elizabeth Marchisi, daughter of Napoleon's medical officer. On her paternal side, she is a descendent of the Schermerhorn family, early Dutch settlers of the Mohawk Valley.

Miss Chrisler was superintendent of the Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home at Cooperstown for 15 years.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Clifford Morris of Oneonta, Mrs. Louis Malthaner of Huntington, L.I., and Mrs. Roger C. Ackerman of Schenectady.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in Christ Episcopal Church in Cooperstown, with the Rev. George F. French, rector, officiating. Burial will be in Lakewood Cemetery in Cooperstown.

**Richard J. Clute**

The death of Richard J. Clute occurred at his home in Bowerstown Saturday morning following a week's illness from an intestinal ailment.

Mr. Clute was born in Albany where the greater part of his life was spent. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Clute.

In 1926 Mr. Clute married Maude J. Ballard of Albany, who survives together with a foster son, Thomas McGowan of that city, and several cousins. Mr. and Mrs. Clute have made their home in Bowerstown for the past nine years. Mr. Clute conducted a stationery and book store in the Capitol City before coming here.

The funeral was held from his late home Tuesday morning, the Rev. Arthur W. Mielke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Cooperstown officiating. Interment was in Albany Rural cemetery.

**Richard J. Clute of Bowerstown Succumbs**

Cooperstown, Jan 21 – Funeral services for Richard J. Clute of Bowerstown will be held Tuesday morning at 10 from his home. Rev. Arthur W. Mielke, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will officiate. Interment will be held in the Albany Rural cemetery.

Mr. Clute died Saturday morning after less than a week's illness from an intestinal ailment. The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Clute, he was born in Albany where the greater part of his life was spent. He came to Bowerstown to live nine years ago.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maude J. Ballard of Albany to whom he was married July 10, 1926; a foster son, Thomas McGown of Albany, and several cousins. He was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Albany and before coming to Cooperstown conducted a stationery and book store in Albany for several years.

**OBITUARY William Hiram Tuttle**

The death of William Hiram Tuttle, in his seventy-sixth year, at the family home, No. 26 Church street, at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning marked the passing of the last member of a family long identified with Cooperstown.

Mr. Tuttle had suffered from a heart ailment for nearly three years, and his decline the past month had been rapid, although his last illness was of only a week's duration.

Born November 25, 1863 in a little home in Church street, only two doors from the present family residence, Mr. Tuttle had passed his entire life in the neighborhood of his birth. He was an only son of the late Charles J. and Lucy Jane Harvey Tuttle, both of whose ancestors were among the first settlers of New York State. His maternal great-grandfather Matthias Harvey received a land grant in Queens County in 1689 through Lieut. Gov. Jacob Leisler, a direct appointee of King William and Queen Mary of England. His paternal great-grandparents were Philip and Effie Duley, who were long identified with this community.

Mr. Tuttle attended the Cooperstown Union school, but left school before graduation and took up the vocation of his father, that of a stone and brick mason, in which he displayed exceptional ability.

There are many fine specimens of his craftsmanship standing in the community, including the stone building which houses the New York State Historical association, the O-te-sa-ga Hotel, and several private dwellings. He was employed for thirty-five years with the Clark Estate of this village, retiring from them at the death of his father to carry on his contracting business.

On June 3, 1883, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Dubben, a native of England, who is his sole survivor, excepting the following cousins; Clarence Harvey of Salt Springville, George Ballard of Bowerstown, Daniel Harvey of South Carolina, Mathias Harvey, Mrs. Spencer Blodgett, Mrs. Jeanie Chapman and Mrs. Ada St. John all of Cooperstown.

Like his father, who was a drummer boy with the Union Army during the Civil War, Mr. Tuttle had much ability as a snare drummer, and for many years was connected in this capacity with the Cooperstown Band and other local musical organizations.

He was one of the original members of the Phinney Hose Company; one of the Native Sons of Cooperstown; and until the last two years had been a member of Mohican Club.

A man of the strictest integrity, his passing will be the source of keen regret to a wide circle of friends, whose sympathies will go out to his helpmate of fifty-six years in her deep sorrow.

The funeral will be held from the family home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Jackson L. Cole, rector of Christ church of which Mr. Tuttle was a life-long communicant, will officiate, and interment will be made in the family plot in Lakewood cemetery.

A second obituary with all the same information is also in the file. It gives his wife's maiden name as Emma Rubben.

**Mrs. Edward D. Ward**

The death of Mrs. Carrie May Ward, wife of Edward D. Ward, occurred at her home in Middlefield, Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ward was born in the town of Warren and lived in Cooperstown and Middlefield during her married life. She is survived by a loving husband, a sister, Mrs. Anna Post of Onconta, two brothers, William N. Harvey of Salt Springville and Clarence Harvey of Starkville; three nieces, Mrs. Leroy Shaffer of Onconta and Mary and

Katherine Harvey of Starkville; one nephew, Arthur Harvey of Salt Springville, a brother-in-law and wife and three daughters, and a host of friends who will greatly mourn their loss. She was known as a loving wife, a true Christian and friend. The funeral which was private was held at the parlors of Brown & Tillapaugh Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. the Rev. Bohne-Echolt officiating.

**Lola Margaret Willsey**

The death of Lola Margaret Willsey, aged nearly seven years, occurred on Sunday morning, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1921, after an illness of nearly two years, at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ballard at Bowerstown. The funeral was held from the late home, Tuesday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., the Rev. Leroy Halbert officiating. Burial at Flycreek cemetery.

Lola was born at Cooperstown, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1914, the daughter of Mrs. Maud J. Willsey. The greater part of her young life was spent at the home of the grandparents. She was the youngest of two children, Edward, the son who died at the age of seven years. After an illness of one year, with the same disease which sapped the life of the little girl. She was a child of a very loving disposition, and one whom no one knew but to love. During this long and tedious illness there was no complaining. Death came very unexpectedly. The final illness was of only about one day's duration. She was a child who loved the flowers and the many beautiful floral offerings, from friends and neighbors testified to the love they all had for her. She leaves a mother, grandparents, and many friends to mourn for her.

**Wilsey** February 25, 1913, Edward D. Wilsey, aged 7 years, 2 months, and 24 days. Notice of funeral hereafter. Cooperstown papers please copy.

**Edward D. Wilsey, Jr.** the seven year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Wilsey of 228 Bleecker St., died last evening. The sympathy of friends will be extended to the parents.

**Edward Wilsey**, only child of Edward and Maud Wilsey, and grandson of George and Cora Ballard of this village, died at Utica on the night of February 25<sup>th</sup>. The funeral will be held at Flycreek at 2 o'clock on Friday with interment in the Flycreek cemetery.

The funeral of Edward D. Willsey was held from the home of his parents 128 Bleecker St., at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. C.M. Dodge of Bethany Church conducted the service. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral tributes. The remains were sent by Undertaker Doyle to Fly Creek where interment was made.

**Wilsey** – Feb. 25, 1913, Edward D. Wilsey, aged 6 years, 9 months and 24 days. Friends are invited to attend funeral services at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward D. Wilsey, 928 Bleecker St. to-morrow (Friday) morning at 9 o'clock. Interment at Fly Creek. Cooperstown papers please copy.

Local relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wiltsie of Utica received the sad news of the death of their son, Edward J., aged 7 years and 9 months. Tuesday, interment at Flycreek at 1:30 p.m., Friday.