

Mrs. Oliver Dickinson Dies In Waterbury, Vt.

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Word has been received here of the death March 11 at a hospital in Waterbury, Vt., of Mrs. Jennie Goodrich Dickinson, a former resident of Grinnell. Her home was at Williamstown where she was born in 1852. She was known during her residence here as a school teacher and as the wife of Oliver W. Dickinson.

A Vermont paper contains the following notice sent from Williamstown.

Word was received here on March 11 of the death that morning of Mrs. Jennie E. Dickinson at the Vermont state hospital in Waterbury, where she had been a patient for nearly two years. She was the daughter of Folensby and Bethiah (Harrington) Goodrich and was born in Williamstown April 22, 1852, being the second of five children. The oldest daughter, Maria, later Mrs. Julian Morse, of Brookfield, died about 44 years ago. A brother, Barnet Goodrich, died in 1901. A brother and sister, Albert M. Goodrich and Mrs. W. H. Hebard, both living in town, are the nearest surviving relatives of the deceased, but there are many more distant relatives living in this town and in Barre. The husband Oliver W. Dickinson, formerly of Grinnell, Ia., died in 1912. To them were born four children, all born in the west, where they went to live soon after their marriage on Oct. 18, 1877. These children were Richard, Edna, Alma and Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson came back east after about ten years, bringing with them two children, Edna and Roy, Richard and Alma having died in the west. Roy, the youngest son, contracted diphtheria while on the way east with his parents, and lived but a short time, being about five years old at the time of his death. Edna grew to womanhood and attended school at Montpelier seminary for a time, but was overtaken by tuberculosis, dying in 1905, at the age of 24 years.

Mrs. Dickinson lived alone for ten years after the death of her husband, raising fruit and vegetables for market and also painting and giving painting lessons, she having a special talent for this work, but living by herself and brooding much over the loss of husband and children, combined with troubles over money matters, her mental poise became impaired and finally reason left its throne, and it became necessary to take her to Waterbury in the spring of 1922.