

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Obituary. 1883.

Died, August 3, of hemorrhage of the lungs,
Mrs. Leonard B. Wells.

The sudden death of Mrs. Wells occurred under circumstances of peculiar sadness. Though an invalid for several years, and suffering from a disease that gave her friends little hope of her recovery, they did not realize how slight was the thread that bound her to life, nor how abruptly it was to be sundered. For several weeks she had seemed unusually cheerful, if not stronger. She had joined in several short excursions, and on the afternoon of her death, accompanied by her husband and niece, had rode out to Orchard Lake. Leaving the carriage with her niece to seek a young lady friend who was one of a picnic party from Detroit spending the day at the lake, she was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs almost immediately. Endeavoring to reach the carriage she was met by her husband. He could do nothing to check the life blood that flowed in a stream from her lips. A few brief moments and all was over. The husband held in his arms only the lifeless form of her whom his love had been powerless to save. There had been neither time nor opportunity to procure remedies, and they could have availed nothing had they been at hand. One fond look of recognition and affection, and the words "I am going," were all she could express before her pulse had ceased to beat and the soul had taken its flight. A large circle of friends to whom she had endeared herself by her cheerful, true and tender nature and her unselfish devotion, will sincerely mourn her loss. Her lovely and gentle spirit will abide with and inspire memories of those sweet melodies her fingers could create long after those fingers have been silent.

Her remains were laid to rest amid the loveliest flowers, contributed by friends from many localities, in the beautiful family vault of Mr. Wells' sister in Oakhill cemetery, at Pontiac, Mich., on Monday afternoon, Aug. 6.