

MRS. CLIFTON MALLORY MARKS 95TH BIRTHDAY AT PARTY

Mrs. Clifton Mallory was honored at a reception Sunday commemorating her 95th birthday. The former Miss Julia May Harter, she was born on Lincoln Street Aug. 5, 1866. The reception was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon A. Haight, 149 North St.

Mrs. Mallory's father was Rev. Jacob Henry Harter of Herkimer, and her mother, Achsah Hudson Harter, was a sister of the famous quartet of Hudson brothers who toured the country at the time of the Civil War.

Mrs. Harter is an aunt of the late Judge Leonard Searing, and was a bridesmaid at the wedding of his parents. The Harter home was at 52 South St., but the Harters built several homes in the city, the latest on Evans St., where they lived for 55 years.

Mr. Harter, Julia's father, founded a picture gallery which was later bought out by his young assistant from Trumansburg, William Ernsberger. The business flourished through three generations of Ernsbergers, having closed a few years ago when Fred Ernsberger moved south.

When she was a young child, Julia Harter was taken by her father to the Seward home to call at the time of Secretary Seward's death.

Both Julia and her sister Mellie studied music from an early age, and both performed for many years on the stage. After Julia's marriage to Clifton Mallory, who came to Auburn with his company of players, they traveled throughout the United States for many years with the Lyceum and Chautauqua Players. Their company provided leads, costumes and music and scenery, drawing local talent for bit parts. The total cast often reached 150. Mrs. Mallory was chief musician. She still plays a large repertory of classics and lighter music, and appeared in a recital about five years ago. She attends the art and music events at the Cayuga Museum, and has been a member of the Civic Music Association for several years.

Mrs. Mallory keeps house at 135 Osborne St., walks downtown and back daily, attends First Universalist Church where she has had a nearly perfect attendance record for many years past, reads widely, and keeps up a large correspondence with friends.

A decorated volume including the names of those present to congratulate her was presented to the guest of honor at the close of the reception.

Assisting were Miss Eva Dehn, John Meng and Mrs. Oscar Masdam. Presiding over the punch bowls were Mrs. Verna Morhiser and Mrs. Myrle Lee. About 60 people attended the party.

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