

[Stetson, Clifford R.]

Former Pastor, Rev. Stetson, Dies in N.H.

MIDDLEPORT—A former pastor of the Universalist Church in Middleport from 1934 to 1941, the Rev. Clifford R. Stetson, 72, of Plymouth Union, Vt., died in Hanover, N.H., in Mary Hitchcock Hospital, following a short illness.

He was born Nov. 18, 1891 in Jacksonville, Vt., the son of Hollis E. and Minnie Moore Stetson. He attended schools in Jacksonville and Wilmington, and graduated from St. Lawrence Theological School in 1918.

He married the former Margaret Tower of North Adams, Aug. 18, 1918.

He served pastorates in Universalist churches in Rutland; Springfield; Old Town, Maine, Middleport, N.Y. and Derby Line, Vt.

Although he retired in 1962, he preached during the past summer at the Plymouth Union Church.

From 1922 to 1933 he was with the Japan mission of the Universalist Church with headquarters in Shidzuoka, Japan.

Besides his wife he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Fred Hyde of Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mrs. Weston A. Cate Jr. of Montpelier, Vt., Mrs. Edward J. Conlin, Chevy Chase, Md., and two sisters, Mrs. Richard F. Bartlett of E. Bridgewater, Mass., and Mrs. Chester Smith of Baldwinsville, Mass., and eight grandchildren.

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