

[Abernathy, Clara Stearns]

MRS. C. ABERNATHY DIES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Norwood—Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Stearns Royce Abernathy, 93, who died on Feb. 22 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Scott, Valley Springs, S. D., were held at the Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, S. D., on Feb. 24. Officiating at the services were the Rev. Ronald H. Evans and the Rev. E. E. Heeren.

The body was brought to Norwood and a prayer service was held at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Donald Stevenson, Elm Street, on Feb. 27 with the Rev. W. Gayle Wetzel, pastor of the First Congregational church, officiating. The body was placed in the vault at the Madrid cemetery to await burial in the spring.

Mrs. Abernathy was born Aug. 12, 1857, at Chase Mills. She was married to H. A. Royce on May 4, 1876. The couple were the parents of six children, Clement, George, Levi, Jennie, Kate and Hazel. Mr. Royce died Mar. 6, 1902.

Mrs. Royce was married to Nelson J. Abernathy [sic] on Dec. 23, 1914, and the couple made their home in Madrid. He died in 1929. For the past few years Mrs. Abernathy had made her home with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin G. Scott of Valley Springs, S. D., where she died after an illness of one week.

She is survived by three sons, Clement of Syracuse, George of Sioux Falls, S. D., Levi of St. Petersburg, Fla., and one daughter, Mrs. Alvin (Jennie) Scott, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was a member of the [former] Universalist church of Potsdam, N. Y.

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