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MRS. ANNE AYRES DIES

Mrs. Ann M. Giles Ayres, 65, widow of former City Treasurer Datus C. Ayres and a graduate of the House of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, died about 10 Monday evening at the family home, 358 Arlington street, after a long illness.

For years afflicted with arthritis and a complication of ailments, Mrs. Ayres had been ill since December. Her condition became serious Feb. 14.

Surviving her are two sisters, Mrs. Cora E. LeTray, 358 Arlington street, and Mrs. Clifford A. (Irene M.) Bongard, 356 Arlington street, wife of the city treasurer; nieces and nephews.

Her husband, a former assistant treasurer and business manager of the House of the Good Samaritan and a one-time traveling salseman [sic], was the city treasurer from December, 1939 until his death. He died Oct. 31, 1943 at his home, then 1414 State street, at the age of 60 years.

Mrs. Ayres was born Dec. 1, 1901 at Chaumont, a daughter of Clarke W. and Susan Dunham Giles. Her father, a stonecutter, died July 4, 1917. Her mother died here April 22, 1960 at the age of 89.

She spent the early part of her life at Chaumont and after her graduation from the village high school, she attended the Potsdam Normal school. Subsequently, she taught at the Chaumont Creek rural school for two years and then entered the House of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Graduated from the school of nursing in 1924, she was engaged in private duty nursing for a time and then was the office nurse for the late Dr. William W. Hall.

Later, she joined the nursing staff of the House of the Good Samaritan and served as admitting nurse. For a time she was the supervisor of the maternity ward.

She resigned at the admitting nurse May 1, 1937 to be married to Datus C. Ayres, then assistant treasurer and business manager of the hospital. The wedding ceremony was performed May 15, 1937 in All Souls Universalist church.

The funeral will be Thursday morning at 11 at the family home. Rev. Blaine F. Hartford, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Brookside cemetery.

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