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## JULIA BROOKS RITES TO TAKE PLACE TO-DAY

Rochester Literary Leader Was Descendant of Early New York Settlers

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia A. Brooks, for many years active in Rochester literary and Universalist Church circles, who died Thursday, aged 77 years, will take place at the family residence, No. 235 Warwick avenue, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. William Wallace Rose, minister of the First Universalist Church, will conduct the services. The bearers will be Ivan Powell, Harold and Milton [Veness?] and Willis Brooks. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Mrs. Brooks was born in 1850 in Marion, the daughter of Willis and Cynthia Clark, who built one of the pioneer homesteads in Wayne county. Mr. Clark came to Marion from Rhode Island with his parents in the earlier part of the last century, making the journey in a covered wagon. His future wife then was being brought up by a Quaker family in Macedon.

Mrs. Brooks received her education in Marion, where she graduated from the Marion Collegiate Institute. She taught in the Marion school district until 1876, when she was married to the late Edward Brooks and settled in Rochester. Mr. Brooks, who for forty years was head of the old Brooks Furniture Manufacturing Company, died in 1921.

Throughout her life in Rochester, Mrs. Brooks was an active member of the Universalist Church, first of the former Second Universalist Church, then in Spencer street, and later of the First Universalist Church. She was active in the affairs of a Shakespeare society and of the old Saturday Club, another Rochester literary society, of which she was a charter member. For many years she was president of the Mothers Club of No. 6 School.

Mrs. Brooks leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ernest H. Wallace; one son, Carlton M. Brooks; five granddaughters, Sylvia, Avia, Barbara and Phœbe Brooks and Betty Wallace, and three grandsons, Willis, Edward, and Steven Brooks.

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