Mrs. Anna Brown, 90, Is Dead Was Longtime Resident of Victor

Mrs. Anna Boughton Brown, a longtime resident of Victor, died on Wednesday morning, November 30, 1949, in Thompson Memorial hospital in Canandaigua, where she had been a patient for about three weeks. She was in her 91st year, having been born on a farm one-half mile west of the village of Macedon, Wayne County, New York, on March 16, 1858, the only daughter of Willis and Amanda [Sedgwick] Kelly. Her only brother [Wellington] died in 1879 at the age of 22 years.

When Anna Kelly was 17 years old she was the teacher of a district school, but she continued in that work for only one year. In the summer of 1876, at a Universalist Sunday school picnic, she met George W. Boughton, the son of the pastor of the Macedon Universalist church, and on December 19, 1877, they were married. On June 15, 1880, a son was born to them. He received the name of Wellington Boughton, became a dentist, and practiced his profession in Batavia from 1902 until his death in January, 1929.

In 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Boughton moved from Macedon to Victor and built the house on Maple avenue which was thenceforth to be their home as long as they lived. They celebrated their golden wedding December 19, 1927, by a reception in the Methodist church house, which was attended by many friends. Mr. Boughton, who was for many years a clerk in the F. E. Cobb drug store, died on February 2, 1929, his death following that of the son so closely that a double funeral was held.

On Easter Sunday, 1934, Mrs. Boughton was married to Fred E. Brown, the ceremony taking place in the Universalist church in Macedon, with the pastor, Rev. John O. Bennett, officiating. Mr. Brown was the father of nine children, all of whom were at various times guests in the Maple avenue home. These visits, and trips to visit the sons and daughters in their homes, were much enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Brown during their years together. Mr. Brown died on November 5, 1940, at the age of 81 years.

Throughout the years Mrs. Brown was an interested and active Universalist. Following discontinuance of regular services in the local church of that faith, she attended Sunday services and special events in the Macedon Universalist church whenever it was possible for her to do so. She had always (renewed?) her membership at that church.

Mrs. Brown was a past matron of the Victor OES Lodge and was always interested in Eastern Star activities.

The surviving relatives are the daughter-in-law, Mrs. Zora Boughton of Los Angeles, Calif., who was with Mrs. Brown during the last few days of her life, and a grandson, George Boughton, who is a music instructor in the University of Oregon. Another grandson, William Boughton, died a few years ago.

Funeral services will be held at the Cotton Funeral home on Maple avenue at 2 Saturday afternoon, the Rev. John O. Bennett of the Macedon Universalist church officiating. Burial will be at Macedon.

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MRS. ANNIE BROWN

The death of Mrs. Anne Brown of Victor occurred on December 3 in her home at Victor. Mrs. Brown was approaching her ninety-first birthday and was the oldest member of the Universalist church in Macedon. She was a loyal member of this church and always attended the meetings of the Ontario Association of Universalists. As a young girl she was greatly interested in the work of this church at Macedon. In her eighteenth year she was married to George Boughton, Jr., the son of the Rev. George Boughton¹ who was the first minister of this church. They moved to Victor and affiliated with the Universalist church in this village until it was discontinued. Friends will recall her tragic experience in meeting with the death [in 1929] of her husband and son [Wellington] within a day of each other. In her seventy-fifth year she was married to Fred C. Brown whose death occurred in 1940. The Rev. John O. Bennett conducted the memorial service and the burial was in the cemetery at Macedon.

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¹ This sentence is in error; George Boughton was the son of Rev. Harvey Boughton.