

[Brown, Mary Danforth]

MRS. WALTER L. BROWN

Mrs. Walter L. Brown died in her home at Oneonta on Sunday, February 29, at the age of eighty-seven years. She was a native of Oneonta and spent her life-time in this city. She was married to Walter L. Brown on June 18, 1884 and his death occurred in 1924. Mr. Brown had been state senator from Otsego County, first president of the Fox Hospital Corporation, president of the Oneonta State Normal School and the donor of Brown Park. For many years he was a hardware merchant.

Mrs. Brown, a charter member of the Oneonta Women's Club, served the Club also as a director, treasurer and vice-president. She had served as treasurer of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs, a member and past regent of the Oneonta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was active in city welfare projects. She was a member of the Chapin Memorial Universalist Church and the Association of Universalist Women. Her benefactions included the Ministers' Pension Fund of the New York State Convention of Universalists and the Theological School of St. Lawrence University, holding annuity bonds in each institution. She was one of the first to contribute to the John Murray Atwood Fund of the Theological School. She was always vitally interested in the work of the Universalist denomination and all its projects.

She suffered a shock [stroke] several years ago but was able to carry on in spite of this handicap. Her sister, Mrs. Lillian S. Turner, passed on two years ago. The relatives surviving her include Mrs. S. Mabel Williams, who had been her companion for the past twenty-four years and Miss Mary Brown Willson who made her home with Mrs. Brown during the past year; five other nieces, a nephew and a cousin.

The funeral service was conducted in the Lewis Funeral Home by Dr. George E. Huntley of Cambridge, Mass., a friend of the past forty and more years, and the Rev. James Alcock, pastor of the Chapin Memorial Universalist Church.

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