

[Carley, Esther Anne Van Skiver]

Mrs. Esther Anne Carley

The death of Mrs. Esther Anne Carley, widow of Thomas H. Carley, formerly of Norwich, occurred in the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital at 12:15 o'clock Christmas morning. She was admitted to the hospital a week ago following a cerebral hemorrhage, which she suffered in her home, No. 82 Beaver street.

Born October 12, 1857, at Daggett's Mills, Pa., she was the daughter of Hiram and Esther (Lewis) Van Skiver, and a direct descendant on the maternal side of John Lewis, one of the original settlers of Misquamicut, the Indian name for Westerly, R. I., and one of the twenty-two men who organized the colony of Rhode Island.

Her father died when she was an infant, and she was brought up in the home of her grandfather, the Rev. Stephen York Lewis, an itinerant pastor, whose preaching center was Daggett's Mills.

She was married in 1872 in Elmira to Thomas H. Carley, a drummer boy in the Union Army during the Civil War, who settled in Elmira and became a tinsmith, after he was discharged from the regiment which guarded a rebel prison there. Their married life was spent in Elmira, Oxford, and Norwich. He died in the latter city in 1914.

After his death, Mrs. Carley came to Cooperstown to make her home with her son, George H. Carley, who survives, with a granddaughter, Miss Betty A. Carley of Garden City, L. I., and several cousins.

She was a member of the Universalist church in Oxford, and during her active years here had attended the Universalist church of the Messiah. She was a member of the Universalist Thimble Club.

The funeral was held from the Brown & Tillapaugh Funeral home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Arthur W. Miekle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated, and interment was made in Mt. Hope cemetery at Norwich.

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