

[Clark, Ellen D.]

AGED SURVIVOR OF WRECK DIES

HORNELL, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Ellen D. Clark, 82 years old, one of the three living survivors of a party of 13, who were almost instantly killed in a tragedy at Webb's Crossing of the Shawmut Railroad here 24 years ago, which attracted national attention, died at the home of Mrs. C. H. Amey, 28 Scott Street, Sunday.

Mrs. Clark, as a member of a party of 13 women, comprising part of the Universalist Ladies' Aid Society of the Universalist church, was in a sleigh going to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin on the Arkport road. The sleigh was struck by a train.

The two survivors of the fatal expedition, are the Rev. Charles E. Petty, of Binghamton, and Mrs. P. M. Bond, the latter wife of Fire Chief Bond. Rev. Perry [Petty] at the time was pastor of the Woodbury Universalist Church here.

Ten of the 13 died within a week of the accident from injuries. Mrs. Clark's husband was an engineer on the Erie and died shortly after the crossing tragedy.

Mrs. Clark was born at Athens, Pa. She was a charter member of the Universalist Church. She had resided in this city for more than 60 years.

There are no immediate survivors. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from the Sherman H. Crane undertaking parlors, 41 Genesee Street. The Rev. Clara Morgan, pastor of the Woodbury Universalist Church, will officiate. Interment in Hope Cemetery.

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