

[Clarke, Mary Irene]

Mary Irene Clarke, 83, Retired School Teacher, Services Held Sunday

Miss Mary Irene Clarke, 83, a retired teacher, died Nov. [28?] in the home of her brother-in-law Carleton Barber, Eddy, where she had made her home. She suffered a stroke on Oct. 13 which caused her death.

The funeral was held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Barber home. Rev. Max Kapp, pastor of the St. Lawrence Theological School, officiated. Burial was in the Eddy Cemetery.

Bearers were Arthur Blount, Donald Taylor, Rex Dunkelberg, Elmer Elsey, Joseph Ellsworth and Keith Mayhew.

Surviving besides her brother-in-law are nieces and nephews.

She was born on the Old DeKalb Road, town of Canton, Oct. 25, 1874, a daughter of Amos and Cornelia Briggs Clarke. She was a direct descendant of Colonel Wesson Briggs and John Tibbets, early settlers of Lisbon.

After she graduated from Canton High School, Canton, she taught in schools at Eddy and Russell. She was graduated from Potsdam Normal School, Potsdam in 1898. After her graduation she taught schools in Clayton and Canton.

In 1906 she started teaching in a high school in West New York, N.J., where she remained until she retired in 1940.

Miss Clarke was interested in travel. She had taken three trips to the west coast and a trip to Nova Scotia. Immediately before the outbreak of World War II she took a cruise to the Scandinavian countries and Moscow, Russia. In the summer of 1940 she took a cruise to Alaska.

She made her home at Eddy with Carleton Barber, husband of a deceased sister, Arzetta, since 1940.

Miss Clarke was a member of the Universalist Church of Canton and of the DeKalb Junction grange.

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