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DEATH OF MISS HELEN CLEAVELAND
FAMILY WAS AMONG FIRST CANTON SETTLERS
Funeral Service Will Be Held Thursday Afternoon At The Home

Miss Helen Cleaveland died at the family home on Court street last evening following several years of poor health and a last sickness of six weeks duration. The end came peacefully to her in her 78th year. The funeral will be held from the Cleaveland home Thursday afternoon at three, with burial in Evergreen cemetery. Dr. R. E. Sykes will probably officiate.

Six weeks ago she had fallen and the shock seemed to climax months of enfeebled health. Her condition grew steadily worse until it was evident over the week-end that she could not survive many hours.

Miss Cleaveland's father, Francis Cleaveland, was born in Canton in 1822, and with his wife, Harriett Ellsworth Cleaveland, lived many years on their farm in the town of Russell where their three children, Frank Nash Cleaveland, Rollin Cleaveland and Miss Helen were all born. The first of the family to settle in this section was the grandfather of these children. His name was Frederick, and he lived in the old stone house, now the home of the Dennis Farrell family on the Five-Mile Square, off Pike Road.

Miss Cleaveland was born March [12?], 1859. It was soon after this that the family moved to a home on Court street in this village. This house burned in [1876?], when the present residence was built and it has been there the family has since lived.

She attended St. Lawrence University for a short time with the Class of 1880 of which Herbert Gunnison, John L. Heaton and Joseph Witherspoon were members, as was Mathew S. Wallace. Afflicted early in life with deafness this led her to live a somewhat retired life, though as a woman she was active and interested in community affairs. She was a member of the Garden Club, the Canton Unit of the United Helpers, the Women's Library Association, and for many years in the women's organizations of the Universalist church, which she attended. As a skilled needle worker she delighted in contributing fancy work whenever it could serve a good purpose.

Her brother, Frank Nash Cleaveland, was for many years a trustee and secretary of St. Lawrence University. Her other brother, Rollin, was for years one of the leading butter and cheese buyers of this section.

Surviving besides the brother, Rollin and wife, with whom she made her home, is a niece, Miss Dorothy Cleaveland, of California, Pa.

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HELEN E. CLEAVELAND, LONG ILL, PASSES

Was Daughter of Early St. Lawrence and Jefferson Co. Families

Born in Town of Russell, Lived Nearly Entire life in Canton—A Sister of Frank Nash Cleaveland, for Nearly Thirty Years Secretary of St. Lawrence University.

Miss Helen Eugenia Cleaveland, a member of the early families of St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties, and nearly a lifetime resident of the village of Canton, passed away at the home of her brother, Rollin E. Cleaveland, Court Street, last evening at 7:30 following a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted at the home Thursday at 3 o'clock, Dr. Richard Eddy Sykes, president emeritus of St. Lawrence University, officiating. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Miss Cleaveland was born in the town of Russell March 12, 1859, on a farm, the daughter of Francis and Emeline Ellsworth Cleaveland. Her father in his early years was engaged in the marble cutters trade and was associated in business in this village with the late Samuel Dunkleberg, the father of Mrs. Miner Merrill, who still lives in Canton. There are examples of his work in stone in some of the older buildings in the village. In later years he was engaged in the farm produce business as a buyer.

Her mother, Emeline Ellsworth, was a native of Pamela, Jefferson County. She lived before her marriage in the family of Peter VanBuren, the keeper of one of Gouverneur's famous hostelries, the VanBuren House. She married Francis Cleaveland while residing in the town of Russell.

There were three children in the Cleaveland family, of which she was the younger. Frank Nash Cleaveland, the older of the three, died in 1921 after a service of nearly thirty years as secretary of St. Lawrence University. Frank Nash Cleaveland was a member of the St. Lawrence County bar, and had served as search clerk in the County Clerk's office under the late Wm. R. Remington. After leaving the Clerk's office he maintained until his death a private search business and did a large amount of this work. Rollin E. Cleaveland, the second in the family, and the sole survivor at this time, was long known as a large buyer of butter and cheese in St. Lawrence County, and remains as one of the last of those old buyers who went up and down the county buying the factory make of butter and cheese at the factory or on the county board of trade.

Miss Cleaveland, who came with the family from Russell when very small was educated in the village schools and was a member of the class of '80, St. Lawrence University. Miss Cleaveland was during her long years interested in the things of the community and took an active, interested part in them. Far back in the eighties she was a member of the old Canton Dramatic Club that produced in the Town Hall amateur plays. There are

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pictures of some of the players in those plays, as for instance a group that played "Blow for Blow."—In this appears Mrs. Cleaveland along with the late Judge L. P. Hale, Attorney Henry E. Seaver, Mrs. Carrie Jackson Sawyer, Levi C. Storrs, Miss Emily Eaton (Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn) and others. She also appeared in the productions presented in later years. She attended the Universalist Church and worked in the church society; was active in the Women's Library Association; the Garden Club and the United Helpers. During her years of health she was interested in things about her and a helpful member of the community. For several years past she has not been strong and has been seen little away from home. During these years she received the loving care and devotion of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rollin E. Cleaveland.

The only near relative remaining is her brother, Rollin E. Cleaveland, with whom she made her home.

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