

[Converse, Fanny M.]

MISS FANNIE M. CONVERSE DIES

Law Stenographer in City for 24 Years

INFLUENZA ILLNESS IS FATAL

Stricken Ill on Dec. 26 with a Cold—Had Always Lived

At Converse Residence in Outer Leray Street

Miss Fanny M Converse, 63, of (933?) Leray street, for 24 years stenographer in the law firm of Lansing and Royer, died at the House of the Good Samaritan at 7 Friday night after an illness of less than two weeks of influenza. Miss Converse was stricken with a cold the day after Christmas and did not return to her duties at the law office. New Year's eve she was taken to the hospital.

Miss Converse was the daughter of the late Henry and Priscilla Converse, pioneers in this section. She was born at the family home in Leray street, Nov 23, 1865. She had always made her home there.

Her grandfather, Hiram Converse, came to this section from Bridgewater, Oneida county, and founded the Converse farm which is one of the largest in this section. Her great-grandfather was Col. Thomas Converse who served in the Revolution and spent the famous winter at Valley Forge with George Washington.

She attended the Watertown High school but did not complete her course, going instead to the old Northern New York business college. Upon graduation from that institution she entered the employ of John Lansing, father of the late Robert Lansing. When John Lansing died she continued in the employ of Robert Lansing and maintained her position with Frederick M. Boyer when Robert Lansing entered public life. She had since been employed by Mr. Boyer, who is now practicing alone.

Miss Converse was a member of the All Souls Universalist church and active in all affairs of that institution.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Mabelle Converse, with whom she made her home, and an aunt, Miss Alice Converse, 530 Curtis street, and several cousins.

Private funeral services will be held from the home of her aunt Miss Converse, 530 Curtis street, Monday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Dr. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist church, officiating. Interment will be in Brookside cemetery. Friends may call at the home Monday, between 11 a. m and 2 p. m.

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