

[Cook, Calista Viola "Viola"]

MISS C. VIOLA COOK, FORMER TEACHER IN UTICA SCHOOLS, DIES

Miss Calista Viola Cook, 91, former Utica public school teacher, died at 11:15 last night, March 12, 1935, at her home, 1025 Park Avenue, after a long illness.

Miss Cook was born in Philadelphia, Pa., May 26, 1843, daughter of the Rev. Theodore D. Cook and Calista Niles Pease Cook. She went with her parents as an infant to Boston, and in 1851 they moved to Providence.

In 1860 her father was called to the pastorate of the [Universalist] Church of the Reconciliation here. Miss Cook came with her family and since then had resided in Utica. She was graduated from the Utica Free Academy, and then began teaching in the Advanced School, during the time when Andrew McMillan was principal. She resigned in 1871, but returned to her former position five years later, and in 1881 was transferred to the Utica Free Academy, where she served as teacher and librarian.

Miss Cook retired in 1916 after many years of competent and faithful service. She was a charter member of the New Century Club, a member of Oneida Chapter DAR, and of the Church of the Reconciliation.

Miss Cook was the last of her family, which came of Mayflower stock.

Several cousins in this vicinity are the nearest survivors.

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