

[Cory, Emma]

OBITUARY
Miss Emma Cory

The death of Miss Emma Cory, last survivor of a family prominently identified with Cooperstown for many years, occurred peacefully as she slept at her home, No. 50 Lake street, at 5:25 o'clock Saturday morning. Miss Cory's last illness dated from early last December and was ascribed to the infirmities of advanced years.

Miss Cory was the daughter of the late William E. and Samantha (Wood) Cory and was born March 29, 1855, in Cooperstown where she resided throughout her entire life time, although until the past year she had spent several winters in Florida. Her birthplace was in the stone house on lower Pioneer street and she later moved to the Cory place on the same street which she occupied until 1912 when she went to the residence on Lake street which had since been her home.

She attended private boarding schools at Yonkers and Darien, Conn., and after graduation taught drawing and French in the Palatine Union Free school. Later she studied art and designing in New York City and upon her return continued her interest in art for which she had decided talent and for some time gave lessons in painting. She was the last remaining charter member of Otsego Chapter D.A.R. She was a woman of many other talents and was keenly interested in the history and development of the village. A wide circle of friends will deeply regret the passing of a woman of many superior qualities of mind and heart.

The nearest surviving relatives are a nephew, Douglas Turner Johnston, of Port Washington, and a grand-nephew, Waldo C. M. Johnston, an instructor in the Pomfret School at Pomfret, Conn., two grandnieces, the Misses Judith and Melrose Johnston of Port Washington.

The funeral was held from her home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Charles Kramer, pastor of the Universalist church of the Messiah, of which she had been a life-long member, officiating. Burial was made in the family plot in Lakewood cemetery.

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