

[Covey, Alma Gale]

WINTHROP

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Alma Covey, 94, a resident of Winthrop for 50 years, who passed away in St. John's Hospital, Ogdensburg, Thursday afternoon. Born near Essex Junction, Vt., June 10, 1851, she was one of nine children of the late Noah and Eunice Lamb Gale, natives of Holland and Vermont. When [she was] five years old, the family moved to Colton, N.Y., where nine years later, Mr. Gale purchased 400 acres of land near Childwold, for decades known as the "Gales," situated on the present Potsdam-Tupper Lake highway. Many are the weird tales that Mrs. Covey was told about that then-wilderness, where she learned self-reliance and the art of wielding the ax and saw to assist in procuring cord wood and lumber logs. She also became an expert tailoress, working for several years in the Smith Johnson Tailor Shop in Potsdam.

On July 19, 1873 she married Cortland C. Covey, a miller in Colton, the ceremony being performed in Potsdam by the late Rev. E. Hathaway, pastor of the Universalist church. In 1891 they purchased the "Denton Hotel" in Winthrop of the late Attorney J. G. McIntyre of Potsdam, operating this hostelry until the spring of 1902 when a fire leveled the building. Immediately, they erected the present Hotel Winthrop which was sold to John J. Sullivan in 1915, and erected a dwelling nearby now occupied by the Earl Foy family. Mr. Covey died about this time. Mrs. Covey used to proudly relate of her descendance [sic] from the Thomas Potter family, Mr. Potter being the original promoter and builder of the first Universalist Church in America, said church having been reconditioned is now a national memorial. In 1892, Mrs. Covey joined the local Universalist church and was a continued member from that time. Next to her devotion to her family and church, she was a great lover of flowers.

Survivors are a son, Elmer Covey, of Massena; a daughter, Mrs. Amy Hurlbut of New Rochelle; two granddaughters, Mrs. Katherine Stentiford and Mrs. Dorothy Chase of New Rochelle; one brother, Arthur Gale of Gales and three great-grandchildren. Interment was made in the family lot in Winthrop cemetery.

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