

[Drake, Mary Wellings]

MARY DRAKE DIES; RITES TODAY

Mrs. Mary W. Drake, 78, of 12 Grant St., Potsdam, died Tuesday, Dec 4, 1956 in the Potsdam Hospital where she had been a patient for nearly two weeks with pneumonia.

Funeral services will be held at the Garner Funeral Home at 2:00 P. M. Thursday, (today) with Rev. Merle Brown of the Methodist Church officiating.

Mrs. Drake was born Mary Wellings, Sept. 12, 1878 in West Potsdam, the daughter of Peter and Florence Bird Wellings. She attended the Potsdam Normal School, graduating in 1900, and taught in the public schools of Massena and Carthage. In 1907 she was married to Fred J. Mowitt who died in 1911. Later she was united in marriage to William L. Drake and moved to New Hartford, N. Y. Following the death of her husband in the influenza epidemic in 1918 she returned to Potsdam where she has lived at 12 Grant street ever since.

She was a member of the former Universalist Church but of late years she has attended the Methodist Church.

A life time member of Vega Chapter No. 98 of the Eastern Star, last month she was given a Life Membership. She also belonged to Potsdam Grange No. 39.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Richmond of Johnstown, N.Y.; two stepsons, Frederick Drake of Syracuse, and Reginald Drake of Fonda; a brother, George Wellings, Potsdam, three sisters, Mrs. Henry H. Parker, (Anna), Mrs. George A. Fox (Edith) of Sycamore, Ill., and Mrs. George La Vine (Florence) of Potsdam.

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