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Mary Clark Farmer Dies at No. Russell LAST OF A FAMILY OF FIVE CHILDREN OF JAMES L. AND ADELIA BARBOUR CLARK

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Clark Farmer, a former resident of Canton, and the widow of George Farmer, was held yesterday afternoon at the North Russell Church, the Rev. Edna P. Bruner, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Canton, officiating. There were a large number present filling the church and later the little cemetery where generations of Clarks sleep.

Mrs. Farmer died late in the week at the home of a niece, Miss Ruth Clark, North Russell. She had been in frail health for some time and the end came as the result of decline from the infirmities of old age.

She was born at the old home farm at North Russell, Oct. 13, 1865, a daughter of the late James L. and Adelia Barbour Clark. She was one of a family of five children and is the last to go. Many will remember Leonard L. Clark, and John H. and Leland Dewitt and Alvin S. Clark, all substantial members of their locality. It will be recalled that John H. Clark who married Miss Anna Barber of old Jerusalem Corners had his home with his wife on Elm Street, this village, almost if not all their married life, to be left only in very recent years at the death of Anna Clark Barber. Leonard Clark was long engaged in farming and a dealer in cattle; Alvin and Leland were more the home farm men.

Mary Farmer attended the old Canton Academy, fitting for teaching. She taught in the old Arsenal School at North Russell for many terms. In later years she was one of the old Arsenal School teachers who with graduates and former students of that school formed the Russell Arsenal Association that brought back yearly to a reunion old students and teachers of that school. She was secretary and took large interest in the association, giving the papers the annual report of the meetings of the association which brought men and women, former students and teachers from distant points.

She married George Farmer of North Russell in Nov. 1891. The home was a portion of the time at North Russell and the rest of the time in Canton where she was a member of the First Universalist Church, the Women's Library Association, the Canton Study Club. In health she was active and deeply interested. She was a member of the North Russell Church L.A.S. Her husband died in 1918, the year her brother, John H. Clark, passed.

She was a woman who devoted much time to helpful work in whatever community in which she lived, church and society work. The Clark family was notable for its kindly friendly ways. Her father, James L. Clark, was an old Andrew Jackson Democrat and held the office of postmaster at North Russell under appointment of Grover Cleveland, for many years.

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There are surviving a foster daughter, Mrs. Clarence L. Tupper of Downers Grove, Illinois; two nephews, Theron and Berton Clark; two nieces, Mrs. Wm. Poole and Miss Ruth Clark, of North Russell; two first cousins, Miss Grace McMillan of Malone and Ernest McMillan of Syracuse.

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