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Final Rites for Mrs. A.O. French

Mrs. Cynthia Smith French, 88, died Monday, March 29, at her home in the town of Granger. She was born June 22, 1854, daughter of the late Hiram and Mary Hardy Smith. She was the last of the family of twelve children. On Jan. 16, 1921 she married Alpha French, who preceded her in death.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held in the home April 1 with burial in the Short Tract cemetery, Rev. Julia Tobey, pastor of the Perry Universalist church officiating. The great-grandnephews acted as bearers.

She is survived by a stepson, Roy French of Attica; two nieces and two nephews, Mrs. Belle Shaw of Hollywood, Florida, Mrs. Charles Bennett of Hunt, Albert Smith of Dalton and Herman Smith of Derby, Colorado.

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MRS. CYNTHIA SMITH FRENCH

Universalists in the Allegany-Steuben Association will greatly miss Mrs. Alpha O. French of Hunt who always attended the annual meetings, if it were possible for her to make the trip from her home. For two years she had lived generally alone on her farm, located a few miles from the village of Hunt. She was one of the last five surviving members of the church in Portageville and attended the centennial of the society in 1941.

Mrs. Smith [sic] had been in poor health during the past winter, and her death occurred on March 29 in her eighty-ninth year. She was the last of 12 children of a pioneer family. Her marriage to Alpha O. French [as his second wife] occurred in 1921 and his death occurred in 1941. She was a loyal and generous Universalist with particular interest in the State and General Conventions and the Theological School. She was an ardent reader of "The Christian Leader" and the Empire State Universalist.

The Rev. Julia M. Tobey of Perry conducted the funeral services in [her] late home on April 1. She is survived by a step-son, Roy K. French of Attica, two nieces and two grand-nephews.

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