

[Gleason, Mabel Wilder]

WIFE OF HARRY GLEASON DEAD

Mrs. Mabel Wilder Gleason, 83, Former Brownville Resident, Was Long Ill

Brownville, Jan. 6—Mrs. Mabel Wilder Gleason, 83, wife of Harry Gleason, long-time resident of this village, died at 11 this morning at the Ryan nursing home, Watertown, where she had been a patient since June 30, 1963. Long in poor health, Mrs. Gleason, with her husband, had been in nursing homes in Brownville, Pillar Point, and Watertown the past eleven years.

The body is at the Johnson funeral home, where friends may call from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

Surviving besides her husband, also a patient at the Ryan nursing home, is a sister, Mrs. Susie Phelan, Dexter.

Mrs. Gleason was born May 17, 1881, in the Muscalonge section of the town of Hounsfield in the Wilder family homestead, one of nine children of Henry D. and Margaret Wilder Wilder. She attended rural and Dexter Schools.

On June 10, 1901, she was married to Harry Gleason in the parsonage of the Methodist church, Watertown, in a double ceremony in which Miss Maude Starling and Orville Reed were also married by Rev. Dr. David F. Pierce.

Mr. Gleason was a barber for 50 years, working on the Hardiman hotel barber shop, and for six years in the Arcade barber shop, Watertown, before he had a shop in Brownville for 16 years.

Mrs. Gleason was once a member of the Ezra Bellinger Ladies band. Later, she was a member of her husband's old-time dance orchestra which played in the old Music all in Watertown and at the Masonic hall, here.

Mrs. Gleason was a member of All Souls Universalist church, Watertown.

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