

[Hale, Flora Annette Hammond]

Prominent Woman, Vicinity Native, Dies in West at 92

Mrs. William D. Hale, prominent Minneapolis woman, a native of Rushford and a sister of the late F. E. Hammond of Cuba, died in Minneapolis on Dec. 6, according to information reaching The Patriot.

The following was taken from the Minneapolis Tribune of Dec. 7:

Mrs. William D. Hale, widow of the late Major Hale, former postmaster of Minneapolis, died early Sunday at Eitel Hospital after a brief illness. She was 92. Active until her last illness in spite of her advanced age, Mrs. Hale attended homecoming services at the Universalist Church of the Redeemer a week ago, and presided at a meeting of the Minnesota Chapter of the Dames of the Loyal Legion two weeks ago.

Born at Rushford in Western New York, April 15, 1844, Mrs. Hale was the daughter of Horatio Nelson Hammond and Sophia Bennett. She first came to the Twin Cities as a Summer visitor, arriving by the river route. Here she met Major Hale, who had recently returned to Minneapolis from the Civil War, and who was associated with W. D. Washburn in the milling industry.

Resigning her teaching position in the Academy of Music at Friendship, N.Y., Mrs. Hale returned to Minnesota to fill a Winter's teaching engagement at the Academy at Afton on the St. Croix River, and a Fall and Winter term at the old Jackson School in Minneapolis.

She married Major Hale in St. Paul, June 19, 1870. They first made their home at 722 Hennepin Avenue, which then was in the heart of the residential district in Minneapolis. Later their homes were on Hawthorn Avenue, Oak Grove Street and Third Avenue South. In recent years, Mrs. Hale had lived with her daughter at 1720 James Avenue South.

Mrs. Hale was a member of the Church of the Redeemer, Universalist; president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, an organization of wives of officers of the Civil War; an early member of the Colonial Chapter, D.A.R., and an active member of the League of the Hard of Hearing.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Hale Strachauer; two sons, Arthur D. Hale, and William H. Hale; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, all of Minneapolis. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Lakewood chapel.

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