

[Hawley, Cora Russell]

Funeral Rite Set Tomorrow for Cora Hawley, Webster

A funeral service for Mrs. Cora Hawley will be conducted tomorrow in the Webster building that was her first home as a bride more than half a century ago.

The service for Mrs. Hawley, who was 90, will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Ward L. Tinklepaugh Funeral Home at 12 South St., Webster. Mrs. Hawley and her late husband, George, lived in the building from the day of their marriage in 1892 until 1903.

Mrs. Hawley, whose son was elected to his 13th term as Webster's mayor last Tuesday, died late Wednesday (March 16, 1955) in the Martin Baird Sanitarium at 540 Winton Rd. N.

Death was attributed to complications that set in after Mrs. Hawley fell and broke her hip on Feb. 8 in her home at 18 South Ave., Webster. She was in Genesee Hospital from that date until moving to the sanitarium on March 7.

Mrs. Hawley was descended from Western New York pioneer stock. Her maternal grandfather, Gen. Philetus Swift, came from Connecticut to settle in Phelps about 1790. He fought in both the Revolutionary [War] and the War of 1812 and later was elected to the State Assembly.

Mrs. Hawley's parents, Alexis and Electa [Swift] Russell, were early merchants in Webster. She was born in the village herself on July 23, 1864. She was married on Oct. 12, 1892. Her husband died in 1924. Since then, she had lived alone.

Mrs. Hawley founded the Rayview Reading Club, which is now the Webster Literary Club. She belonged to the Webster Grange and was a key figure in the Webster Universalists Church until it was abandoned about 30 years ago.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Clyde Mason of Williamson, Mrs. Howard Pinkly of Sodus Pont, Mrs. Norman Merhoff of Sodus and Mrs. Linn Bowman of Pittsford; a son, Mayor W. Roy Hawley of Webster; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Burial will be in Webster Rural Cemetery.

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