

[Kip, Harriet May]

MEMBER OF OLDER FAMILIES OF CANTON

Death came very suddenly to Miss Harriet May Kip at the Kip home, Chapel street at about 4 Friday morning. Miss Kip had been out the previous afternoon attending a bridge given at Hotel Harrington. She returned home late in the afternoon and appeared in her usual health during the evening, remaining up with other members of the family till late in the evening listening to the radio. She retired and hours later roused her brother, Benjamin M. Kip, complaining that she was suffering from pain in the region of the heart. Mr. Kip procured tablets that she had been accustomed to take and Dr. Fred H. Ladd was summoned. Her condition did not improve and death came about 4 o'clock. The physician's diagnosis was acute dialation [sic] of the heart as the result of indigestion. Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at 2, the Rev. Dr. James M. Payson officiating. Burial was made at Evergreen.

Miss Kip was born in Canton on Jan. 22, 1881, the daughter of the late Henry DeValcour Kip and Harriet Ball Kip. Her mother was Harriet Ball, whose home as a girl was in the house, corner of Jay and Elm street, now the S. L. Jamieson home. There is a family legend that May Kip was born in this house, though the Kip home was as now on Chapel street.

Miss Kip's father, Henry DeV. Kip, came to Canton from Watertown with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kip, when he was ten years old, in 1840. They took up their residence in the house on Chapel street which was built in 1830. The family has resided there from that time to this, a period of ninety years, without a break. At no time during all that long period of years until 1917, one might say was the door locked. In 1917, Mrs. Harriet K., mother of May, passed away. Henry DeV. Kip died in 1909. The members of the Kip family, the children, with the possible exception of May, were all born here and grew up. It was an open house to the neighborhood. The Kips were kindly, neighborly people who were always doing something for someone.

Henry DeV. Kip, father of May, was a man talented in an artistic sense. He painted portraits, he had the artistic sense in a large degree and in his active years engaged in painting of a decorative nature. Churches and other public buildings in Northern New York and Canada at times drew his talent and skill as a frescoer and interior decorator. He was musically inclined and played in some of the old time brass bands of the sixties and seventies in Canton.

Miss Kip was a home-loving woman during her entire life. She loved her home and family and friends. Several years ago she engaged in business on Main street, in the store now occupied by the Blankman business. Here she

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conducted a woman's fancy goods store. While Mrs. Kip's father was a fraternal order man, entitling her to enter fraternal auxiliaries, she did not wish this kind of association. She was a member of the First Universalist Church and active in the life of that church. She was a woman of sweet charm and discernment, well read, observing, living a quiet and thoughtful life, delighted with friends coming in, and going out to meet friends. The Kip home was for many years harbor and solace to many.

Miss Kip leaves three brothers, William F., of New York; Albert F. of Colorado Springs, Col., and Benjamin M. Kip, engaged in the photographic art business in Canton with studio in the Marble Block. There is a niece, Miss Welthia Kip, a student in Music in Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O. Mrs. Benjamin M. Kip, her sister-in-law, had been away for several days, visiting her daughter and other friends in Ohio and at the home of Mrs. Lucius V. Sherman at Albany. She was at the latter place when she learned of the death of her sister-in-law Friday and returned home. Wm. F. Kip, the brother, came on at once. Albert F., who visited Canton during the summer with his wife, was unable to come on account of illness.

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