

[Lobdell, Leora Britton]

Rites Are Held For Mrs. Leora B. Lobdell, 81

A funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at the Victor Presbyterian church for Mrs. Leora Britton Lobdell, wife of Rev. Nelson L. Lobdell and an old and well known Victor resident. Rev. Dr. Donald B. F. Hoyt, pastor of the First Universalist church of Rochester, officiated, assisted by Rev. Amos Wilkie, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Interment was made in Boughton Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Lobdell died Sunday at her home in Webster Ave., Victor, after a long period of ill health. She suffered a stroke in October, 1953, and she has been confined to her bed much of the time since then. She was 81.

Born July 19, 1874, in Fairport, she was the daughter of the late Addie E. and Alva Otis Britton. She lived for a while in Kendall and Greece and following the death of her mother, she resided about two years with her grandparents.

In 1894 she was graduated from Fairport High school and in 1899 she was a member of the graduating class of Brockport Normal, following which she taught in Clifton Springs Union school in the grades for three years. Then she attended Syracuse University for one year specializing in History and Literature. Returning to teaching she taught History in Lockport two years before her marriage.

On July 18, 1907 she was married in Brockport to Rev. Nelson L. Lobdell and they went to Schidzuoka, "City of Quiet Hills," in Japan, where he served as a missionary from the Mission Board of Universalist Churches of America for twelve years. Leaving Japan in the Fall of 1920 on account of her health, they came to Victor and have made their home here since that time.

Mrs. Lobdell was active in the Unity Club of Victor several years ago, a member of the First Universalists church of Rochester, and attended the Presbyterian Church since the closing of the Universalist church here [in 1953]. She will be remembered by her friends as a thoughtful, kindly person with a sense of beauty in things seldom noticed by others. She was an ideal mother and homemaker.

Mrs. Lobdell is survived by her husband and by a daughter, Miss Marian E. Lobdell of Lanham, Md.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Elva Mason of Spencerport and Mrs. Meriam Slater, Rochester; half-brother, William (Britton?) of Rochester. A son, Nelson Lewis, was fatally injured in the late Fall of 1929 in an automobile-train accident at Canton. He was a student at St. Lawrence University at that time.

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