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### MRS. ANNA FARMER MALTERNER DIES A Resident of the Town of Canton Her Long Life of 91 Years

Mrs. Anna Farmer Malterner, a lifelong resident of the Town of Canton, and for over fifty years a resident of Court street, this village, died at her home Wednesday at 5:25 at the advanced age of 91 years. Her death was attributed to the infirmities of age, she having suffered no illness, just gradually fading away as it is often with persons down the sunset of life. Mrs. Malterner was the mother of Chief of Police Pierre Malterner and is the last of her father's family to go, a sister, Mrs. Bert Stiles of East Main street, passing at an advanced age within recent time.

Funeral service was conducted Friday at the Lawrence Funeral Home, Park street, the Rev. Theodore A. Webb, minister of the First Universalist Church of Canton, officiating. Burial was made in Jerusalem Cemetery, near Eddy, where members of her family are buried.

Mrs. Malterner was born in the month of June, 1861 on a farm on the Morley road, a daughter of one of the early old Farmer families that settled in the town of Canton and as stated, was one of a number of children and was the last to go.

She received her early education in the district school and attended the old Canton frame academy on Pearl street. In 1881 at the age of 21 she married Perley C. Malterner, a son of the old early Malterner family that came into the town of Canton from the town of Fowler. Recalling John Malterner, his good wife, and sons, Perley, Silas and Willard. The home after marriage was the Malterner farm on the Old DeKalb road, the farm on which John Malterner settled his family after coming into the town in the period about Civil War days.

Her first husband, Perley Malterner, a large man, passed away in the nineties, nearly sixty years ago, from a heart attack, leaving the widow and two sons, Pierre and John Malterner, the latter named for his grandfather. Later she contracted a marriage with her husband's younger brother, Silas, and the home was for years at 56 Court street, where her late husband passed some years ago.

Mrs. Malterner had a vivid memory of the past and related many incidents of her life on the farm. Her first husband was a friend of Colonel Seth Pierre Remington, who had an outstanding record as a commander in the Civil War, going out with the 60th N.Y. Vols. with Colonel W. B. Goodrich and later joining Scott's 900, whose story is told vividly in "A Story of A Regiment."

At the birth of the first son, he was named "Pierre" for Col. Pierre Remington, above mentioned, who with Colonel Goodrich founded the St Lawrence Plaindealer in 1856.

The ties between the Remington and Malterner families were close during the years. When Pierre Malterner, the present Canton Police Chief was small, Frederic Remington, son of Col. S. P. Remington never came to town that he

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didn't visit the Malterner farm on the Old DeKalb road and delighted in playing with the small boy in the yard, though the artist had come to world fame; according to Mrs. Malterner, "he played like a kid" with his namesake, little Pierre; the latter was grown to manhood when the artist was laid to rest in Evergreen, at what has been aptly called the "Avenue of Fame" along which are buried Leffert L. Buck, noted bridge builder, Leslie W. Russell, great criminal lawyer and jurist, and A. Barton Hepburn, noted banker and philanthropist, for whom A. Barton Hepburn Hospital of Ogdensburg is named, and numerous libraries throughout the county which he built and endowed, and Hepburn Hall of Chemistry at St. Lawrence University named for him. He was a large donor to the University, and Canton Public Library received an endowment gift from him or his estate.

Mrs. Malterner's second husband, Silas N. Malterner, who died in 1941, was born on the old Malterner farm on the Old DeKalb Road. He attended Canton village schools and the country school. It is recalled that he played the organ at the dedication of what is now Richardson Hall, St. Lawrence University, the first building built in 1856. He was a man fully reminiscent. He as a boy attended dances at the old Forest House, Canton-DeKalb Junction road, and had many stories of the earlier years. He went west as did a brother, Willard, the latter owning a ranch in the west, and dying there some years ago.

Mrs. Malterner was a member of the order of Eastern Star and a life member of the Universalist Church, the Malterner and most of the Farmer families of Canton of the period belonging to that denomination. And it was usually understood that many Farmer family [sic] and the Malterner family removed from other parts of the State to Canton on account of this being a Universalist centre. With such families as the Storrs family, the Hodskin family, the Caldwell family, and the Thatcher family, though Martin Thatcher, county official, was born and spent his early life in the western part of the county.

Mrs. Malterner will be remembered by all who knew her as the woman with the cheering smile for all, the woman of the helping hand and the kindly tongue.

Surviving are three sons, Pierre Malterner, Canton Police Chief; John Malterner of Seattle Washington; and Lochlan Malterner, by her second husband, residing with his family at 52 State street. There are also grandchildren.

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