

[Mather, Anna Harris]

Mrs. Anna Mather, 90, Newport, Honored by 50 at Birthday Fete

NEWPORT—Mrs. Anna H. Mather, who celebrated her 90th birthday Friday at her home, where she lives alone, was guest of honor of nearly 50 friends and relatives, at a birthday party.

Mrs. Mather, who has been a widow for 63 years, was the recipient of many gifts and cards.

She is the daughter of the late Varnum and Jennie Coffin Harris and has been a resident of Newport all her life.

Her husband, Frank Mather, was well known in the community, having been postmaster and operator of a general store in the building at Main and School Sts. now occupied by W. E. Autenrith and Sons, furniture dealers. He was also supervisor of the Town of Newport and a prominent Mason.

Mrs. Mather is a member of the Universalist Church. Her brothers, all well known in this community were Myron, Sherman, and Morgan Harris, all deceased.

Besides keeping her two-story home in immaculate condition, Mrs. Mather finds time to listen to the radio and keeps abreast [abreast] of the times by reading newspapers and magazines. She is in excellent health.

Mrs. Mather organized the senior Bridge club of Newport more than 20 years ago.

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Mrs. Anna Mather, 90, Newport Resident, Dies

NEWPORT—Mrs. Anna H. Mather, 90, a lifelong resident here, died yesterday in the Herkimer Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was born Feb. 24, 1865, in Newport, a daughter of Varnum and Jane Coffin Harris. She was married to Fred Mather in 1886. He died in 1893.

Mrs. Mather was a member of the Universalist Church, and its Ladies Aid Society and Senior Bridge Club.

She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Clarence Fletcher, East Herkimer; four nephews, Leon and Myram Harris, both of Herkimer, Webster and Varnum of Newport.

Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday from her late home with the Rev. Stanley C. Stall, Herkimer, officiating. Interment in the Newport Cemetery.

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