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SARAH RAYMOND MILES DIES IN HEPBURN HOSPITAL

Sarah Raymond Miles, 76, wife of Dr. Edson Russell Miles, 49 Park street, this village, passed away late Tuesday night in the Hepburn Hospital, Ogdensburg, where she had been a patient for the last several weeks.

Mrs. Miles, the former Sarah Raymond, daughter of the late Samuel and Eliza H. Raymond of Clinton was born at Utica, January 20, 1875.

She received private schooling at Houghton Academy, Clinton, and attended Oberlin college, a kindergarten training school, for one year, and was a professional kindergartner. For a time she conducted a private kindergarten school at Little Falls, and came to Canton in 1899 where she held a private kindergarten and also taught in the public schools here.

On September 4, 1900 she married Edson Russell Miles, in Clinton.

For many years after coming to live in Canton in 1917, she was a member of the St. Lawrence County Republican committee, and was associated with the late George Bowers in secretarial work. She was a member of the New York State Mediation Board.

In association with Mrs. Guile, wife of Dr. Guile, she organized for Canton a Parent-Teacher Association, which grew in membership to about 200, and for a considerable period of time functioned effectively.

Mrs. Miles was very well known for her keen mind, and always artistically gifted, she has throughout the years been a skillful handweaver, specializing in fine lines. During the administration of President Seelye of St. Lawrence University, she demonstrated and taught weaving during one session of the summer school. There has seldom been a year when she has not had private classes for students interested in weaving.

During World War II, Mrs. Miles was in charge of an office in Canton that served as a center for administering a great variety of civilian war work, including arrangements for blood donations, etc. During this time Mrs. Miles' two sons were members of the armed forces.

Mrs. Miles was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. For this sorority, she served administratively in chapter affairs, one of which was the reconstruction of the present chapter house. She was made responsible for the carrying out of the plans for reconstruction prepared by the National sorority.

Interested always in beautiful things, she was diligent to preserve household treasures that she inherited and from time to time purchased. She has always been keenly interested in the recent establishing of the Bowne House Museum at Flushing, L.I., because she has blood relationship to the Bownes.

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Mrs. Miles was an omnivorous and rapid reader. Her husband has testified that it kept him constantly on the alert to keep her supplied with sufficient books and magazines.

She was an active member of the Canton Library association and a member of the Garden club. She was also a member of the American Association of College Women.

For many years she conducted a kindergarten class in the Universalist church during the period of the Sunday morning service. Until recently she was an active member of the women's organizations of the church.

Besides her husband, Dr. Edson R. Miles, she leaves two sons, John Raymond Miles of Potsdam; Richard Stoddard Miles of Ronkonkoma, N.Y., and a sister, Mrs. Ebenezer Lamb of Clinton.

A memorial service will be held at the residence, 49 Park street, on Sunday, March 25 at 3:30 in the afternoon. Dr. Angus H. McLean will officiate. Friends are requested not to send flowers. Previous to the memorial service, interment will take place at Clinton.

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