

[O'Connor, Mary Sponable]

Mrs. George O'Connor Sr.

Mrs. George O'Connor, sr., 84, died at her home on Centre street, Fort Plain, Saturday, March 7. Mrs. O'Connor had not been in good health for several years and about six weeks ago began to fail rapidly. Death was the result of the infirmities of age.

Mrs. O'Connor was the wife of George O'Connor, who died a number of years ago [1907]. She was the daughter of Henry Sponable and Mary Cook Sponable of Ephratah, Fulton county, where she was born July 25, 1841. She was the great-granddaughter of Johannes Spankable, a Palatine pioneer of the Ephratah section. Johannes Spankable was enlisted in Colonel Klock's Palatine District Regiment of Tyron County Militia and fought at the battle of Oriskany. Mrs. O'Connor was a member of the Fort Plain chapter, D.A.R., being one of its oldest members.

Mrs. O'Connor is survived by two sons, Frank O'Connor of Louisville, Ky., and George O'Connor, for 33 years publisher of the Fort Plain Standard; a granddaughter, Mrs. Carl Lindemann jr. of Hackensack, N.J., and two great-grandchildren.

Another son, W. W. [Walter Wallace] O'Connor, editor of the Standard, who made his home with his mother, died three years ago. During his long illness, Mrs. O'Connor was untiring in her attention and devotion to her stricken son and it is probable that her unremitting care, at this time, undermined her health.

Mrs. O'Connor was one of Fort Plain's oldest residents, having lived here since her marriage over 60 years ago. She had a large circle of friends who will miss her cheery and interesting personality. Up to the time when her health began to fail, Mrs. O'Connor attended the Universalist church of which she was a member.

The funeral was held from her late home on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., Rev. Herbert F. Moulton officiating. The Fort Plain chapter, D.A.R., attended the services in a body. Many beautiful floral tributes were in evidence. The remains were placed in the receiving vault of the Catherine Nellis Memorial chapel and interment will be made in the spring.

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