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WIDOW OF OWEN OWENS, 86, DIES  
Resident of City All Her Life—Funeral to Be Saturday

Mrs. Clara G. Nott Owens, 86, of Apartment 314, Hotel Woodruff, widow of Owen R. Owens and a resident of this city all her life, died at 9:05 this morning in the Mercy Hospital, where she had been a patient since early Monday afternoon.

Death was attributed to be a coronary thrombosis with which she was stricken a few hours before her death. Mrs. Owens had been ill since February, chiefly of infirmities of old age.

The funeral will be Saturday afternoon at 2 at the Cleveland Funeral home. Rev. Dr. Harold Niles, pastor of the All Souls Universalist church, will officiate. Burial will be in the family plot in Brookside cemetery.

A sister, Mrs. May E. Frake, also of the Hotel Woodruff, widow of Clifford H. Frake, survives. Another sister, Miss Grace B. Nott, formerly of 326 Clay street, died here Nov. 18, 1945, at the age of 77 years.

Her husband, who served as supervisor of the Fourth ward for 18 years and was for years an insurance and real estate broker here, died Jan. 18, 1942, in the House of the Good Samaritan at the age of 75 years. He was also a former member of the Jefferson County Alcoholic Beverage Control board and a one-time chairman of the Republican county committee. Mr. and Mrs. Owens lived for years at 320 Winslow street.

Mrs. Owens was born in this city [on] Sept. 22, 1871, a daughter of the late J. Wallace and Georgia Benjamin Nott. She was a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Benjamin, early residents of the town of Hounsfield.

Her father was for years a prominent druggist of this city, for 47 years owning and operating a drug store in the old Nott block which stood at the east end of Public Square, near the First Baptist church. He died in June, 1916.

Her paternal grandfather, the late Reuben Nott, and his six sons once operated the old American house, an early Watertown hotel which stood on the site of the present Woolworth building. Ruben Nott, one-time Somerville, St. Lawrence county farmer, was elected sheriff of that county in 1853, but in 1861 took over the management of the American house here.

Mrs. Owens was educated in the old Lamon street school. The Nott family at the time lived in lower State street. She was married to Owen R. Owens of this city [on] April 12, 1893 in a ceremony performed at the Nott family home, 631 State street, by Rev. L. R. Libby, then pastor of the Universalist church.

Mr. Owens was for 37 years a partner of the late John R. Pawling in the insurance firm of Pawling & Owens.

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In memory of her husband, Mrs. Owens in 1948 gave the Owens Memorial Bells installed in All Souls Universalist church. The carillon bells, (??) in number, were dedicated at the Palm Sunday service in March, 1948.

Mrs. Owens had been a member of the Universalist church virtually all her life, and as long as her health permitted, she was active in church circles. She was one of the oldest members of the church and also of the Association of Universalist Women.

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