

[Palmer, Phebe Annin Ames]

MRS. PHEBE AMES PALMER

Mrs. Phebe Annin Ames Palmer was in her one hundred and fourth year and died in her sleep in the home of her son, Col. Louis Annin Ames, at Essex Fells, N.J. Although she had been confined to her room for several years, she maintained an active interest in general affairs. On the day previous to her death, she sent a basket of fruit to her neighbor and friend, Mrs. Phebe Clark, whose one hundred third birthday occurred on December 17.

Mrs. Palmer was born in New York City [on 29 Nov 1836], the daughter of Alexander Annin, a ship chandler. She was married to Jacob M. Ames, a planter, going to South Carolina to live. At his death in 1870, she moved to Jersey City where her parents resided. She was married to Solon Palmer, a perfumer, in 1882, and they continued to live in Jersey City until 1896, when they moved to Manhattan. Mr. Palmer's death occurred in 1903.

For one hundred years, she was a member of the Church of Divine Paternity [Fourth Universalist]. She was a trustee of Chapin Home and for twenty-five years, vice-president of the organization. She was also a trustee of the Children's Home in Jersey City; a charter member and first treasurer of the Women's Club of Jersey City and vice-president of the Universalist Women's Missionary Association in New Jersey; a charter member of Minerva, a member of Sorosis and the Shakespeare Club in New York City. She was honorary vice-regent of the Society of Children of the American Revolution, a member of the New York Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a charter member and vice-regent of the Paulus Hook Chapter of the D.A.R.

She is survived by her son, Mr. Ames, and a daughter, Mrs. Eddy Palmer of New York City; six grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held in the Church of the Divine Paternity on December 19.

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