

[Pease, Sila Davis]

Death of Mrs. Sila Pease

Mrs. Sila L. Pease, widow of Harry Pease and a lifelong resident of Livonia, died Friday, Apr. 10, 1959, in the McTarnaghan Nursing Home, Livonia, where she had lived for the last three years. Mrs. Pease was in her 88th year. Her illness was of only one week's duration.

Mrs. Pease's parents were Joseph W. and Elizabeth Martin Davis, and she was born Aug. 24, 1871, on Washington St., Livonia, in the family home directly north of the present public library building.

She attended Livonia High School, graduating in the 1888 class of nine members. After finishing Livonia High she continued her formal education at Clinton Liberal Institute [a Universalist school], where she graduated, and then went on to Syracuse University.

Teaching was her chosen profession, and she returned to Livonia to become a member of the L.H.S. Faculty in 1893. For five years she taught mathematics here under the successive principalships of Charles S. Williams and William H. Cone. In later years she did considerable tutoring in math.

Mrs. Pease's husband was Harry Pease, an L.H.S. graduate in the class of 1889. He died 25 years ago next month.

Mrs. Pease's church affiliation was with the Universalist denomination, though she attended the Livonia Methodist Church. [The nearest Universalist had disbanded by 1920.] She was one of the early trustees of the Livonia Public Library and spent many hours working in various capacities in its interests. She had been for many years a member of the local W.T.C.U., and was a former member of the Kanaghsaws Chapter, D.A.R.

The only immediate survivors are a niece, Miss Ruth Davis of Cornell University, Ithaca; two nephews, Arnold E. Davis of Livonia and J. Wheeler Davis of Rochester; five grandnieces and nephews, and 10 great-grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Brown Funeral Home Monday afternoon, the Rev. Harry Lee, pastor of the Livonia Methodist Church, officiating. The committal service was held at the funeral home. Burial will be in Union Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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