

[Rappole, Velona E. Stone]

The death of Mrs. Velona Rappole, widow of Albertus W. Rappole, prominent Bemus Point tavern keeper for over fifty years, occurred yesterday morning at WCA Hospital [in Jamestown]. She was 77 years of age, and had been in failing health for over a year. She sustained a fractured hip in a fall last Thursday. She is survived by a son, George H. Rappole, two grandsons, Dr. Albertus W. Rappole of Jamestown and George A. Rappole Jr., a student at the University of Rochester; and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Wilcox of Magnolia. Mrs. Rappole was born at Stone Hill, near Ivory, January 22, 1861, and had resided in Bemus Point for about sixty years. She was a pioneer in the hotel business in Chautauqua County and had conducted summer hotels at the lakeside resort throughout her life. She was a former owner of the Columbian Inn, which was later combined under her management with the Pickard House and operated as the Bemus Point Hotel by herself, and her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Rappole. Mrs. Rappole had an unusually large number of acquaintances. She was an energetic member of the Civic Club and was actively identified with the Universalist Church of Bemus Point; was a member of the Bemus Point Community Club and a former member of Mecca Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 p.m. from the Universalist Church, where the remains will lie in state an hour before the services. The remains will be at the Henderson & Lincoln Funeral Home until this noon.

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