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JULIA ROBINSON, 98, FORMER TEACHER, DIES

A great many Auburnians thought back today to their hours spent in the classroom under the direction of Miss Julia Robinson, who at 98, died early this morning at her home, 24 Court St.

A teacher in Auburn Academic High School for nearly half a century, Miss Robinson brought hundreds of area residents through algebra with flying colors. She was on the faculty from 1879 to 1924, when she retired.

Until her death she corresponded with many of her former students, and gained pleasure from following daily newspapers.

She was born in Auburn on Feb. 11, 1858, the daughter of the late William P. and Louise Smith Robinson. She was one of four girls and three boys in the family, the only surviving member of which is her brother, Frederick W. Robinson, with whom she made her home.

Although she was not too active in later years, Miss Robinson enjoyed a birthday party held for her on her 97th birthday, when nine golden candles (marking the decades) and seven blue candles (marking the last seven years) adorned her cake.

She attended the First Universalist Church and was a member of the D.A.R.

Besides her brother, she is survived by one nephew, Charles D. Robinson of Newburgh, and a niece, Miss Elinor T. Robinson of Auburn.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Lester Brew Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Hal T. Kearns of the First Universalist Church officiating. Burial will take in Fort Hill Cemetery.

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