

[Southworth, Nellie Thompson]

Mrs. Nellie Southworth, 99, Passed Away Jan. 22

Mrs. Nellie Southworth, 99, teacher, church leader, past postmaster and oldest citizen of Schuyler Lake, died Jan 22, 1958 in Clark Nursing Home, Richfield Springs. She had been a patient there less than a week.

She was born Nov. 5, 1858 in [the] home now owned by George Cushman, Schuyler Lake, daughter of Charles F. and Cordelia Palmer Thompson. She lived in Springfield one year and in Exeter Center 20 years. She was a teacher in the valley before her marriage to Civil War veteran William Southworth in 1892. He died about 25 years ago.

Mrs. Southworth gave up a teaching career to become a housewife and mother to six stepchildren. The devotion of the Southworth grandchildren and great grandchildren is testimonial to her success in this role.

Mrs. Southworth was a member of the First Universalist Church and was superintendent and teacher of its Sunday School for many years. She was assistant postmaster during the 16 years her husband was postmaster, and was postmaster herself for 13 years.

She was a staunch Republican and voted at the polls till she was 98. At 99 she cast an absentee ballot.

Survivors include two nieces, Miss Florence Thompson of Cooperstown [and] Mrs. Dorothy Bogle of Watertown; a cousin, Merton J. Clarke of Schuyler Lake; several step grandchildren including Nathan Southworth of Richfield Springs, Mrs. Victor Salladin of Utica, and Mrs. Marjorie Terry of Albany. Her six stepchildren are deceased.

The funeral was from the Schuyler Lake Universalist Church with the Rev. Howard Gilman of Syracuse and the Rev. George Boorn of Cooperstown officiating. Burial will be in the family plot in Schuyler Lake Cemetery in the spring.

The bearers were John Strong, Frank Manchester, George Taylor and Lyman Wing.

Among those from out of town to attend the funeral were Miss Florence Thompson of Cooperstown; Mrs. Dorothy Bogle, and son Richard of Watertown, Mass; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogle of Rumson, N.J; Mrs. Marjorie Ferry of Troy; Burnett Southworth of Abany; Mrs. Nathan Southworth of Richfield Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Dorr and daughter of Sauquoit.

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