

[Sperry, Emily Peters]

MRS. EMILY SPERRY DIES
Widow of J. A. Sperry, Former Editor and Bridge Commissioner

Mrs. Emily Peters Sperry, widow of James A. Sperry, died Saturday night at her residence in Marbledale, Conn. Her funeral services will be held there this evening, and there will be further services conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett, pastor of All Souls Universalist Church, of which Mrs. Sperry was for many years a member, at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, at the graveside in Cypress Hills Cemetery.

Mrs. Sperry died from heart trouble that was in a manner brought on through the great shock she received by the sudden death of her husband, who dropped dead of heart disease at the entrance to the Williamsburg Bridge, in February of 1915, while he was on his way home. Thomas Pollock Peters, Assistant District Attorney, and the only surviving member of the Peters family, went to Marbledale to take charge of his sister's funeral.

Emily Peters was born in Williamsburg in May, fifty-eight years ago, and was the daughter of the late Bernard Peters, who at that time was a Universalist minister and pastor of the All Souls Universalist Church. Later he became editor and owner of the Brooklyn Times, of which her husband, James A. Sperry, afterward became the city editor and part owner. Mr. Sperry was also one of the first commissioners of the Williamsburg Bridge and a leader in club and social life in the Eastern District. Since the death of her mother, Mrs. Camilla Pollock Peters, seven years ago, she had made her home in Marbledale, the Peters country residence for years.

Mrs. Sperry was a leading member of the Chiropean, and a member of several of its committees while she was in Brooklyn. The Peters residence was on Lee avenue and there she and her mother entertained largely, and both were deeply interested in the society. Mrs. Sperry had also been greatly interested in the Cecelia Ladies Vocal Society that was organized by her mother and had on its membership roll many leading women of the Eastern District years ago.

Mrs. Sperry was the sister of the late Julia M. Peters Bryant and Mary Whiting Peters Bryant, both the wife of the late William Cullen Bryant, long prominent in the newspaper field. Besides her brother, Mrs. Sperry is survived by five nephews, Mortimer C., William C., and Thomas Bryant, Darlington Peters and John Bernard Peters, and two nieces, Camilla and Julia Bryant.

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