

[Stearns, Mena M.]

MISS STEARNS, CORRESPONDENT, DIES IN CANTON

Miss Mena M. Stearns, 84, died at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Peterson Nursing Home at Canton. She had been in failing health the past few years.

Born in Winthrop Nov. 13, 1875 to Omar P. Stearns and Alma Eldridge Stearns, she spent her early life there. She was graduated from Brasher and Stockholm High School and Training Class.

For many years she was a clerk at the J. C. Folsom store. She was the Winthrop correspondent for the Massena Observer for 17 years and served as correspondent for a while with the Courier Freeman. She attended the Winthrop Universalist Church.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at her home. Officiating was the Rev. Max Coots, pastor of the Canton Universalist Church. Burial was at Winthrop Cemetery.

Miss Stearns is survived by a brother, Ralph O. Stearns, Winthrop; a niece, Mrs. Alma T. Russell, Ithaca; two nephews, Paul S. Ellison, Chicago, and Earle B. Ellison, Heuvelton; and several cousins.

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