

[Strong, Grace Wood]

MRS. GRACE WOOD STRONG

Mrs. Grace Wood Strong, widow of Dr. Franklin Strong, died in the Cheswald sanatorium, Syracuse, on February 8. She was in her ninety-fourth year and was the oldest resident of Central Square. Her home had been in Central Square for eighty-five years, where she had been a teacher previous to her marriage. She was married to Dr. Strong of Brewerton late in life and their marriage of only a few years was terminated by the sudden death of Dr. Strong, while they were wintering in Southern Pines, N.C.

By the death of Mrs. Strong, the Universalist church in Central Square lost one of its most devoted workers and supporters. She was a charter member of the church and as a member of the committee to select a building site in 1908, she provided the sum of \$250.00 for the purchase of the lot from A. T. Low, presenting it to the society. She gave two of the double art-glass windows in the church in memory of her husband and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Wood. She was always a regular attendant at the services.

Her interest went from her church to denominational interests. She gave ten thousand dollars to the State Convention for its Ministers' Pension Fund and for more than a decade received annuity interest from this amount. She gave a thousand dollars to the Theological School of St. Lawrence University also as an annuity. By the terms of her will, she gave the sum of \$3,000 and her house to the church in Central Square, which are to be held in trust for the church by the State Convention. She also made bequests to relatives and friends.

The Rev. William J. Metz, pastor, conducted a prayer service at the Traub funeral home and later at the Universalist church on February 11 which was attended by distant relatives and friends. The burial with a simple committal service was at the vault of the Hillside Cemetery.

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