

[Taylor, Frances "Franc" Barnett]

Mrs. Henry B. Taylor

Mrs. Franc Barnett Taylor, widow of the late Rev. Henry B. Taylor, D.D., died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Ayres, Jr., Canal street, Fort Plain, following an illness of about a year.

She was born in Albion, the daughter of Augustus W. Barnett and Laura Bassett Barnett. For six years she served as recorder of deeds in the Orleans County surrogate's court, at a time when women were less known in the business world.

She accompanied her husband to Fort Plain in 1926 when he assumed the pastorate of the Universalist Church of the Messiah. Dr. Taylor died in 1928.

She actively assisted Dr. Taylor in his work with young people and in social service work.

Her Cape Cod home at Marion, Mass., for which Mrs. Taylor planned the decorations and garden, was visited by many of her Fort Plain friends.

A discerning reader, she maintained her interest in current events and literature. A lover of birds and animals, she was ever ready to champion the less fortunate and appreciated species.

She was a member of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church of Albion and was also affiliated with the Saturday Afternoon Study Class and Fort Plain Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her daughter.

Services will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Gray Funeral Home with the Rev. James Alcock, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah, and the Rev. William O. Homer, rector of Holy Cross Episcopal Church, officiating. Interment will be made in Mt. Albion Cemetery in the spring.

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