

[Vose, Martha Hill]

THE DEATH OF MARTHA HILL VOSE,  
A TEACHER IN THE OLD CANTON ACADEMY  
[excerpt]

Two weeks ago the Plaindealer received word from Leroy Vose, of Machias, Me., announcing the death of his step-mother, Martha Hill Vose, and requesting that we discontinue sending the Plaindealer. We immediately wrote back asking for some information as to Martha's age and anything else that would interest those who had known her in Canton, long ago, and the following was sent, written by the Rev. George C. Boom, minister of the First Universalist church in Machias:

"Mrs. Martha Hill Vose died at her High St. home in Machias, Maine, Dec. 13, 1945. Had she lived until the 16th she would have celebrated her 93rd birthday. Although she had been in failing health for some time she was able to conduct her business affairs until shortly before her death.

"Martha Hill was born in Machias; graduated from Dean Academy at Franklin, Mass., in 1873. For a year she taught in nearby Marshfield. Then she entered St. Lawrence University, graduating in 1877. After her graduation she taught at Canton and neighboring towns for twenty years. Returning to Machias she married Ezekial Vose, a son of a pioneer Universalist minister in Maine, who died a number of years ago. She was deeply interested in the Machias Universalist church. For many years she was both clerk and treasurer. Relinquishing the former office to her step-son, Leroy Vose, she continued as clerk until the time of her death. She was a loyal alumna of St. Lawrence and loved to talk about the years that she spent there. It was her great privilege and pleasure to return to the North country for the 50th anniversary of her graduation."

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