

[Wallace, Elizabeth Williams]

MRS. CHARLES WALLACE DIED AT HERMON.  
Funeral Services Held Here Thursday From Universalist Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Wallace, widow of the late Charles Wallace of Canton, died at the home of her son, Herbert L. Wallace, in Hermon, Tuesday afternoon at 5:30. Mrs. Wallace was 93 years of age. Though she had been confined to her home the past two years she had taken an active interest in life. She had resided in Hermon since 1932. Death was the result of infirmities of old age.

Following a prayer at the Wallace home in Hermon the funeral service was held in the Universalist church of this village Thursday afternoon at two thirty, this being one of her expressed wishes. Dr. J. M. Atwood officiated and she now rests in the family plot at Fairview cemetery.

Elizabeth Wallace was a pioneer woman of St. Lawrence county. She was born in Potsdam Aug. 25, 1844, the daughter of Edward and Matilda Williams. It was in the same year her father died and the mother was left with two daughters, Matilda and Elizabeth. Mrs. Williams later married Lewis Sawyer and the family resided first at Colton and then at Brick Chapel where she [Elizabeth] came to know Charles Wallace, whom she married on March 19th, 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace lived many years on the old Wallace homestead, then on the farm they purchased on the Russell road. In 1906 they moved to the home they had built in this village, now the residence of Mrs. Frank B. Sanford. It was there Mr. Wallace died in 1921. Mrs. Wallace then moved to the home of her daughter, Lena, in Watertown, and then to her son Herbert in Hermon.

Living through one of the great periods of world history, the industrial era, she never lagged in her interest. She was one of the first initiates taken into the Empire chapter No. 68, O.E.S., and helped install the chapters at Parishville, Colton and Hermon. She was of the Universalist faith and a member of the Canton church. Mrs. Wallace was initiated into Empire Chapter in May, 1888, served as Assistant Conductress 1888-92, Warden in 1893 and Electa in 1894.

In the early years she had cooked by the open fireplace. Her birth took place 12 years before the railroad came to this county. Clothing was made from wool grown and spun on the home farm. As a young woman she learned weaving as a necessary part of family life. She dipped tallow candles and soap. In those days the shoemaker was an annual caller, as was the tailor and dressmaker. Wages of 50 cents per week were the accepted pay. In her memory were such stirring events as the Civil War, the assassination of Lincoln [and] Garfield's assassination.

Those who knew her bless her memory as a kindly woman and neighbor of sterling character and a most devoted mother. Surviving are her two children the daughter, Mrs. L. B. Stevenson, of Watertown, and the son, Herbert, of Hermon, and their families.

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