[Welch, Marian Addie Benedict]

Perry's Oldest Resident Passes

Death of Mrs. Marian Addie Welch occurred Thursday night, May 1, at her home at 52 Leicester street. Mrs. Welch would have been 99 years of age on Oct. 20.

In spite of her advanced years, Mrs. Welch retained her health and faculties to a remarkable degree until a few weeks before her death altho she had failed noticeably in recent years. She was born in the town of Perry on Oct. 20, 1853, a daughter of Charles G. and Anna Sabra Reed Benedict. Her grandparents were Truman and Hanna Benedict, pioneer settlers in this region who came here about 1820.

In 1882 she was united in marriage to George P. Welch of Wethersfield Springs. Part of their early married life was spent in the south and west. Two daughters were born to them, Marian Alice, who died in 1897, and Anna Louise, former chief operator in the telephone office. There are no immediate survivors.

Mrs. Welch became a member of the Universalist Church of Perry on June 25, 1876, and had been a loyal member continuously for 75 years.

Services were held from the Eaton Funeral Home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Fred LeShane of the Universalist Church officiating. Interment was in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Perry Center.

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