

[Whitmore, Estella]

Would Have Been 102 in July
MRS. WHITMORE DIES AFTER 3-WEEK ILLNESS

Mrs. Estella Whitmore, who would have been 102 years old July 19, died this morning at Heylman's Nursing Home, 2 Grand Avenue. She had been seriously ill about three weeks.

A resident of Binghamton for about 70 years, she had lived at 6 Moffatt Avenue about 40 years. She was a charter member of the Otsenigo Chapter, Order of Eastern Star.

Alert and active, she lived alone and took care of her house until about four years ago, when she fell and fractured a hip, according to the Rev. Harry W. Palmer of Masonville, a grand-nephew. Since the accident, Mrs. Nina Jennings of Killawog, Town of Lisle, an old family friend, had lived with Mrs. Whitmore.

Her sight and hearing had gradually failed in recent years, although she remained mentally alert until her last illness, Mr. Palmer said.

"On her 100th birthday a year ago last July she could still read her birthday cards," Mr. Palmer recalled.

Mrs. Whitmore was one of the last surviving members of the Strollers Club, Binghamton card club of about half a century ago. For 62 years, she was a member of Binghamton's First Universalist Church.

She came to church in a wheelchair last June when the congregation held its last service at 131 Front Street, location of the parish for 30 years, according to the minister, Rev. Richard M. Woodman. The church has since moved [to] a new building at 183 Riverside Drive.

Born July 19, 1857, in Upper Lisle, she moved to Binghamton after her marriage to Louis K. Whitmore. Mr. Whitmore, an engineer for the Lackawanna Railroad, died in 1916.

The couple had no children. She is survived by Mr. Palmer and another grand-nephew, Howard F. Palmer, of Phoenix, Ariz., and a niece, Mrs. Ruth Palmer of Marathon.

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