[Wood, Lovilla Althea Vanderhoof]

Descendant of Wagon Pioneers Reaches 91

"The Covered Wagon" is more than the title of a photo-play to Mrs. Caleb J. Wood of 24 Vick Park A, where she yesterday observed her 91st birthday. Having heard her grandparents tell of their adventures when they drove in such a wagon from Vermont to Western New York many years ago, the experiences so impressed her that they were recalled still fresh in her memory. The older people came to Bushnell's Basin. That place is also Mrs. Wood's native village.

Mrs. Wood is the oldest living member of the First Universalist Church. She exercises her right of franchise every time there is an election. She is the mother of Hiram R. Wood and the late Mrs. Frederick [Marion] Smith. Her husband had charge of the dancing school that bore his name.

Friends of Mrs. Wood dropped in to wish her many returns of the anniversary.

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Lovilla A. V. Wood Passes at Age of 91

Lovilla Althea Vanderhoof Wood, widow of Caleb J. Wood, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 103 Dartmouth street, aged 91 years. She was born in Victor [Bushnell's Basin] on May 26, 1839.

Mrs. Wood leaves her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hiram R. Wood [née Alice May McGuire], and five grandchildren: Franklin H. Smith [son of Frederick and Marion Smith, both deceased in 1915], Sally Calkins Wood, Remsen V. Wood, Horace M. Wood and Mrs. Clarence L. [Alice] Wynd, and a great grandchild [Michael P. Wynd].

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