

[Ayres, Anna C. Marston]

MRS. ANNA AYRES...

Mrs. Anna C. Marston Ayres, 92 years of age, died April 11 in her home at Fort Plain, N.Y. A Vermonter by birth, she was the daughter of a Universalist minister Rev. Moses Marston, who was also affiliated with the faculties of St. Lawrence University and the University of Minnesota.

Prior to her marriage in 1898, she was the preceptress at Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain. She had a long career of teaching after graduating from the University of Minnesota: Lake City, Minnesota; the public schools in Minneapolis; a private school at Dobb Ferry, N.Y.; and then at CLI. Later after her husband's death she taught in Canajoharie High School.

New York Universalists will remember her through her interest in Universalism, her active participation in her church in Fort Plain, her keen interest in life, and her genial spirit in spite of her blindness in the later years of her life, which she in part overcame by learning the Braille system. It was not too long ago that we saw her alert in mind, keenly interested in the news of people in our church, and with her customary sense of humor.

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