[Beam, Fern Briggs]

Mrs. Fern Beam Dies

ADAMS CENTER—Mrs. Fern Beam, 80, died Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in the Hillcrest Nursing home, Adams, where she had been a patient three years.

The funeral will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Wildman Funeral Home, Whitesville. Burial will be in Union cemetery, Alfred Station.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lyle (Arloine) Cady, Adams Center and Mrs. John (Ernestine) Sherburne, Hornell; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; a brother, John Briggs, Ontario, N.Y., and a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Scott, Belmont.

She was born March 4, 1888 at Almond, a daughter of Delbert and Wealthea Briggs. After attending Almond school, she was married to George Lewis of Alfred Station in 1907. He operated a store at Whitesville and was also the postmaster from 1925 to 1938, retiring in 1946.

Mrs. Beam assisted in the post office for 15 years. The couple came to Adams Center, spending summers on Cady road, and winters in Florida, until his death in 1957.

On June 12, 1962, she married Ralph Beam of Franklin, Ind. Later, the couple separated.

She was a member of the Universalist Church, Whitesville, and a member of the Rebekahs.

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