

[Ellis, Louise Dike]

MRS. ELLIS DIES AT 94 IN WINTHROP

By Beatrice Lawrence

Winthrop — Mrs. Louise Dike Ellis, 94, died Monday, Oct. 1, 1956 at Bennett Nursing Home, Winthrop, where she had been a patient. She had been in failing health for several years.

She was born Feb. 1, 1862, on a farm near Jenkins Corners, only child of the late Ezra and Ellen Ring Dike, natives of Vermont. She attended district schools and in 1880 married Archie K. Ellis.

She and her husband carried on cheese and butter making at Jenkins Neighborhood for six years. In 1894 they purchased a home in Winthrop with her parents. Mr. Ellis died in 1913.

Since 1946 Mrs. Ellis was cared for in nursing homes. For many years before this she opened her home to non-resident high school students, and also to student pastors of the Universalist Church, which was across the street from her home, and of which she was a member.

During two world wars she knitted hundreds of scarves for the Red Cross and until her eyesight failed she did tatting for her many friends.

She had a keen mind and memory and always enjoyed visiting with friends. She was thoughtful and quick to observe a friend in trouble and always responded with a kind deed, giving freely of her time and gifts of cheer. Winthrop will never have a more kindly neighbor and friend.

Funeral services were held Wednesday with Rev. Charles Montgomery, pastor of Union Church, officiating. Burial was in Jenkins Neighborhood Cemetery. Mrs. Ellis was survived only by cousins.

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