

[Ritch, Annie Hillyer]

OLD RESIDENT OF NORTH SALEM PASSES AWAY.
MRS. ANNIE RITCH.

Mrs. Annie Ritch, probably the oldest person in Northern Westchester County, died on Friday, Dec. 15, 1922, at her home in North Salem, aged 98 years. She had been remarkably bright and well preserved for her advanced age until about a year ago, since which time she had been failing.

Mrs. Ritch was the eldest of the three daughters of Rev. Shaler J.¹ and Catherine (Tichenor) Hillyer. One sister, Mary M., wife of Judge Ambrose Ryder, of Carmel, died in April, 1870, and her other sister, Catherine, wife of Edward T. Hunt, died about seven years ago [in 1902]. She was a widow, her husband, Walter K. Ritch, having died six years ago.

Mrs. Ritch is survived by one son, Walter Ritch, of Danbury, Conn., and by one daughter, Miss Mary Ritch, who lived with her mother, and devotedly cared for her in her declining years. She also leaves four nephews: Hillyer, Clayton and Stephen Ryder, of Carmel, and Harry Hunt, of North Salem.

The funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Universalist Church in North Salem. The pall bearers were her four nephews, Hillyer, Clayton and Stephen Ryder [and] Harry Hunt; Charles Keeler and George White. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in June Cemetery.

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¹ He was a Universalist clergyman and for 31 years was the minister of the Universalist Church in North Salem.