

MRS. JOSIAH P. THACHER

Mrs. Mary Louisa (Sanderson) Thacher, Littleton's oldest resident, died April 26. Born in Littleton, October 15, 1859, the daughter of George W. and Charlotte (Tuttle) Sanderson, she attended the local schools and graduated from Lawrence Academy, Groton, in 1879. She was the oldest alumna of the academy, being in her 96th year at the time of death.

She taught in the Littleton school system for four years before her marriage to Josiah P. Thacher on January 1, 1884. She was an active member of the Littleton Orthodox Congregational Church, and was a charter member of the Littleton Women's Club, which was instituted in 1897. She was also the club's oldest living member. She was active in church, club and civic affairs until her health failed.

Mrs. Thacher is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Margaret T. Drury of Littleton, Mrs. Ruth T. Brown of Ayer and Miss Olive Thacher of Evanston, Ill.; a grandson, William T. Brown, and a great-grandson, Stephen M. Brown both of Chillicothe, Ohio. A son, Russell Sanderson Thacher, died during his sophomore year at Dartmouth College in 1905.

Private funeral services were held April 29 at 2 p. m. at her late home on Sanderson Avenue. The Rev. Sidney Lovett, pastor of the Orthodox Congregational Church, conducted the service. Interment was in the family lot in Westlawn Cemetery, Littleton, where committal prayers were read by the Rev. Mr. Lovett.

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