

COMPTON RITES WILL BE MONDAY

Sister of Famous Author Dies Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Stratton Compton, prominent resident and sister of the late Gene Stratton Porter, famed author, who died of paralysis at 9:10 o'clock Friday morning at her home at 715 Packard Avenue, will be held Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Klaehn & Sons Funeral Home, Dr. E. Burns Martin officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery at Coldwater, Mich. Friends may view the body at the funeral home after 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. Compton suffered a paralytic stroke January 17. She had resided in Fort Wayne the last 21 years, coming here from Coldwater. She was an active member of Wayne Street Methodist Church, and for 18 years was known as the "mother of the silver tea" of Section No. 5 of the Woman's League, having been named by her co-workers Mrs. George D. Crane, Mrs. Justin N. Study and Mrs. Kate Hartman.

For 30 years the deceased was an active member of Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and served as chapter chaplain for many years. She was an honorary member of the Gene Stratton Porter Nature Study Club.

The deceased was the eighth of a family of 12 children born to Rev. Mark and Mary Stratton. She was born on the Hopewell farm, three and one-half miles northeast of Lagro in Wabash County. Her birthplace is now memorialized as the birthplace of the late Gene Stratton Porter, Mrs. Compton's youngest sister. The farm is visited annually by thousands of the late author's followers.

Mrs. Compton attended Wabash High School and was graduated from the Fort Wayne Conservatory of Music. She taught large music classes at Wabash and at Coldwater. She was married to William H. Compton, prominent Coldwater attorney, on October 5, 1882. Her husband died January 14, 1907, at Coldwater. Their only child, a daughter, died at the age of 5.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Ada Stratton Wilson of 437 Arcadia Court; four stepchildren, Mrs. Mae Compton at home, Mrs. Hurd Winter Robinson of Maywood, Ill., Mrs. Percy E. Light of Ottawa, Ont., and Mrs. Ella Fairhead Compton of Toronto, Ont.; four grandchildren, Helen Robinson, Betty Light and Peggy and Katherine Compton and the following nieces and nephews, Merlin S. Wilson and Mrs. Claude Bowlby of this city, Donald F. Wilson of Mansfield, O., Mrs. James S. Lawshe of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Jeanette Porter Meehan of Los Angeles, Mrs. William H. Clothier of Rome City, Harold Stratton of Parkersburg, W. Va., Mrs. Marguerite Nobles of Parkersburg, Leander E. Stratton of Montana and Mrs. Lee Patrick of Los Angeles.

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