

Miss Emma S. Lansing, last survivor of a distinguished Watertown family, died at the age of 84 years late Monday night at the Lansing residence, 143 Clinton street, where she had lived all of her life.



Miss Emma Lansing, Long Civic Leader, Dies at Age of 84

Sister of Late Secretary of State Robert Lansing — Served Overseas in World War I.

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Miss Emma S. Lansing, 84, member of one of Watertown's most prominent families and long known for her participation in the field of civic service here, died at 11:30 Monday evening at her residence, 143 Clinton street, after a long illness.

Miss Lansing, who was the sister, the late Miss Katharine TenEyck Lansing, was twice decorated by the French govern-

She was related also to the present secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, a nephew of Miss Lansing's sister-in-law, the late Mrs. Robert Lansing.

The funeral for Miss Lansing will be Thursday afternoon at 2 in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Herbert S. Schroeder, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Brookside cemetery.

Friends may call at the Wilcox & McCallen funeral home Wednesday afternoon and evening.

In accordance with Miss Lansing's own wishes, the request has been made that flowers be omitted and that in lieu of flow-

don at a board of directors meeting held at the Willmott home in observance of the 60th anniversary of the association. She and Mrs. Willmott, now 81 years old, were cited as the oldest members of the organization, both in point of age and years of service.

Miss Lansing, president of the association from 1914 to 1917 when she left for war service, and Mrs. Willmott, who succeeded her as president and served for 29 years, were awarded service pins by the association Monday, but Miss Lansing was too ill to be aware of the honor.

Had she lived, Miss Lansing would have been reelected to the board of directors of the visiting nurse association for another three-year term at the annual meeting next month.

At her death, Miss Lansing, long a leading figure in Democratic politics, was still treasurer of the Jefferson County Women's Democratic club, having held the office continuously since the club was formed many years ago, and was also the vice chairman of the Jefferson County Democratic committee. She held the latter office for the last 26 years.

She was 84 years old last Friday, but was too ill to notice the shower of birthday cards and the numerous flowers sent to her home in her honor.

Her closest survivors are first cousins, Mrs. Katharine Dodge Gill, who has been residing at the Lansing home the past year, and Mrs. Gertrude Dodge Alexander, Bronxville, N.Y. She was the last of her family.

Miss Lansing's death was attributed by her physician to heart disease and infirmities of old age.

Miss Lansing's health had been declining the past few years owing to a heart condition with which she was afflicted, together with infirmities of old age.

Last Feb. 16, she suffered a fracture of the left hip when she accidentally caught her foot in the cord of a floor lamp in her living room and fell. She was in the House of the Good Samaritan for three weeks. However, she made a satisfactory recovery from the injury and within eight or ten weeks was able to be about her home again.

While she had been confined to her home for the past several months, she left her home

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for a number of weeks and for the past month she had been falling rapidly. She had been in a critical condition the past two weeks.

Member of a family which for generations gave notable service to the nation and state as well as community, Miss Lansing was long identified with the civic life of Watertown. She gained prominence chiefly for her charitable achievements, although she was also long active in religious and political circles and other fields of endeavor.

For her war service, she, together with her sister, was repeatedly cited in army orders for meritorious service and twice decorated by the French government.

Her name over a long period of years has been actively associated with the Red Cross; the Visiting Nurse association; the Jefferson County Girl Scout Council; the Jefferson County Tuberculosis & Public Health association and the loss movements; the Y.W.C.A., the First Presbyterian church, Faith Chapel and church societies; the