

MARY P. KEISTER

Mausoleum, Crypt 17, Tier 2

GPS Coordinates: 82° 56' 10.056" W 40° 7' 13.581" N

**MRS. KEISTER,
OLDEST LOCAL
RESIDENT, DIES**

**Oldest Otterbein
Graduate Dies
After Homecoming**

Mrs. Mary Nease Keister, who would have been 95 in April and who was the oldest resident of Westerville and the oldest graduate of Otterbein college, died at her home, 32 West College avenue, early Sunday after a brief illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday at in the First United Brethren church.

Wife of the late Rev. S. W. Keister, a United Brethren minister, Mrs. Keister had lived in Westerville for 39 years, coming here from Mt. Pleasant, Pa. She was a graduate of Otterbein, class of 1878, and a lifelong member of the W.C.T.U.

Rev. Keister died on a Sunday morning in 1929 at the time of the fall homecoming at Otterbein and Mrs. Keister's death occurred on the Sunday morning of the winter homecoming of the college. Oldest of a family of ten children, Mrs. Keister was the last surviving member of that family.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Weinland at the home, and a son, Dr. Albert S. Keister, a professor in a Greensboro, N.C. college; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Entombment was made in Otterbein Mausoleum. The services were in charge of Rev. J. N. Boyer; assisted by Prof. E. M. Harsh and Prof. J. S. Engle. Following a request of Mrs. Keister, the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord", was sung by the congregation.

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Born: April 22, 1850
Meigs Co, OH

Died: February 11, 1945
Franklin Co, OH

Father: William N. Nease

Mother: Margaret DeKalb

Spouse: Samuel W. Keister