Reeves, Minna (Mrs Charles)

Mrs. Charles Reeves, Women's Leader, Dies

Mrs. Minna (Connors) Reeves, 75, of 24 Stimson Ave., a pioneer in the fight for women's rights in education, business, and politics, died today at Rhode Island Hospital shortly after she was stricken at home.

The wife of Charles Reeves, she had 11 children who received a total of 19 university degrees. Later in life her interest in self-improvement and achievement was so grat she received law degrees at the Portia Law School, now the New England School of Law in Boston, when women seldom appeared in the courts as lawyers.

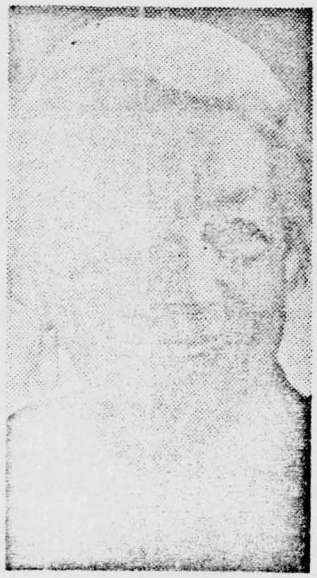
Mrs. Reeves was exremely active in numerous civic, charitable, and academic organizations. Only last Friday, Mrs. Reeves was the hostess for the annual meeting of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, a professional organization of women educators at her home.

She was born in Liverpool, England, of American parents, the late Samuel and Cecelia Connors. In 1940, she was an unsuccessful candidate for the state senate in Maine

Mrs. Reeves was an official in the Girl Scouts of America; the Alliance Francaise; the League of Women Voters; New York Hospital o and Infirmary Association; Chapin-Spencer Adoption Service. She was a member of the Plantations Club; the Harvard Club of Boston; an honorary member of the Wellesley Club of Rhode Island and a life member of the Brandeis University Women's Division.

She and Mr. Reeves celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1971.

Her children obtained degrees in law, medicine, business and education. Her seven daughters were presented as debutantes and postdebs to New York society,



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in Versailles, France, and at Buckingham Palace before Queen Elizabeth II.

Besides her husband, she is survived by the daughters, Miss Shirley H. Reeves of Providence, Mrs. Norma Y. Rachlin of Palm Beach, Fla., Mrs. Dorris M. Berger of Sharon, Mass., Mrs. Ruth O. Patashnick of North Adams, Mass., Dr. Eleanor C. Hoffman of Denver, Colo., Mrs. June H. Boyce of Chicago, Ill. and Miss Martha R. Reeves of Boston; four sons, Dr. William E. Reeves of Providence, Abbott J. Reeves of New Orleans, La., Channing S. Reeves of Wrentham, Mass., Bruce M. Reeves of East Pittston, Maine; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Simon of Palm Beach, Fla., and Mrs. Bertha Winn of Brookline, Mass.; a brother, Leonard Connors of Canton, Mass.; 23 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p.m. at the Sugarman Memorial Chapel, 458 Hope St. Burial will be in Sharon Memorial Park, Sharon, Mass.

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