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OBITUARIES

Rebecca Siegal, 99, co-founder of the City Hall Hardware Co.

PROVIDENCE — Rebecca Siegal, 99, of 122 Upton Ave., who with her husband was co-founder of the former City Hall Hardware Co., died yesterday at home. Her husband, Max Siegal, died in 1961.

A lifelong Providence resident, she was a daughter of the late Joseph and Bertha Berman.

The City Hall Hardware Co., later known as City Hall Store, was on Washington Street in Providence. The store was expanded to include an annex on Westminster Street.

The Siegals opened a small hardware store in South Providence in 1907 and added a downtown store in 1915. Mrs. Siegal continued to run the store on Prairie Avenue for several years after her husband opened the downtown store.

Mrs. Siegal supported a number of charitable organizations, donating funds and merchandise to many local church and synagogue group.

Mr. and Mrs. Siegal also conducted annual carnivals to benefit the Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was a member of Temple Beth-El and its sisterhood, a member of Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Women, the Womens Associations of the Miriam Hospital and of the Womens Association of the Jewish Home for the Aged. She was a contributing member of Brandeis University in Massachusetts and of the Sophia Little Home.

She leaves a daughter, Edyth Hamin, and a son, James Siegal, both of Providence; a sister, Bella Pepper of Daytona Beach, Fla.; 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

A private funeral service was held this morning. Burial was in Congregation Sons of Israel and David Cemetery.

Siegal, Rebecca