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To the Editor,

Will you please put my
mother's obituary in your
daily paper. She was a
resident of Yakima for
many years.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Horn

Enclosure ①

Former Resident, Adeline Putnam Ham
Dies in Nantucket

Mrs Adeline Putnam Ham,
formerly of One Fuller Place,
Cambridge and Five Mill Street
Nantucket passed away at her home
on North Liberty Street on Wednesday
March 12, at the age of 93.

She was born in West Newton,
Massachusetts on February 16, 1876
the daughter of Herman Lincoln
Putnam and Mary Elizabeth Neal.
Her early years were spent in
West Newton where she attended
the West Newton public schools,
and in 1899 she graduated with
a bachelor of arts degree from
Wellesley College. Two years later she
received her masters degree from
Cornell University and on graduation
entered the field of teaching. She

taught in private schools in Nova Scotia and St. Louis, Missouri.

When a student at Cornell she met her husband, the late Clifton Ham. All of her married life was spent in Yakima, Washington. In Yakima she was very active in the community. She was instrumental in starting the first Women's Club of Yakima and she was an arduous worker for the Red Cross during the first World War. Her hobby was collecting Indian antiques. She made friends with the Indians of Yakima and won their confidence. They reciprocated by bringing her their basket, gloves and beaded bag.

In the early 1930s she returned

To Boston, first living in Brookline and then in Cambridge and Waukeget. In Cambridge she attended lectures at Harvard University and classes at the Adult Center of Education and she was an active member of the First Congregational Church. Her hobby while living in Cambridge was collecting antiques. She attended auctions, shows and exhibitions in and around Boston collecting for her home. Dealers and shopkeepers all knew her.

An avid lover of animals, both domestic and wild, she worked painstakingly for the passage of bills through Congress which would protect all wild life

from extinction by the hunters. ⁽⁹⁾
She was a member of the National
Wildlife Federation, the Massachusetts
Audubon Society, the Annual
Rescue League of Boston and the
Massachusetts Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Her college affiliations were
the College Club of Boston, the
Wellesley College Alumnae Association
of which she was the last class
president, and the Cornell
University Alumnae Association.

In Nantucket she was
affiliated with the Nantucket
Historical Society, the Maria
Mitchell Association and the
Nantucket Chapter of the Daughters
of the American Revolution.

Surviving are her two

daughters, both of Nantucket,
 Miss Eleanor Gashyn Ham and
 Mrs Mary Elizabeth Reyes, three
 grand children, Mrs Francis
 S. Gibbs of London, England,
 Mr. Paul Reyes of Minneapolis,
 Minnesota, and Mr. Robin
 Reyes of Dedham, Massachusetts,
 and eight great grand children.

General services were held
 on Friday March 14, at the
 Congregational Church in
 Nantucket and burial was in
 Prospect Hill Cemetery.