

## Julia Ellen McAfee Worcester

Born June 5, 1868 in Roscoe, IL daughter of Margaret Louise Cross and James M McAfee.

Julia, was the sister of Grandma Hannah J McAfee Ralston.

This is a collection of newspaper articles about her, following her marriage to Ernest I Worcester in May of 1887.

with Rockford friends....Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ralston of Chicago are here to be in attendance at the wedding of Mr. Ralston's youngest sister on Thursday, the 10th, inst....Mrs. Julia Worcester is reported but little improved from last week, when Dr. McAfee of Rockford was called in consultation with Dr. Hobart....There will be a rehearsal for the oratorio of Daniel on Friday evening, at the home of Dr. W. L. Ransom. ....Everybody interested in sidewalks come and bring their voices with them.

*Daily Register Gazette January 10, 1895*

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ralston, of Chicago, are here this week to be in attendance at the Ralston-McKay nuptials. Mrs. Julia Worcester, who is so critically ill, is reported but little improved. Drs. McAfee, of Rockford, and Hobart, of Roscoe, are in attendance. Our M. W. A gave a banquet last Saturday evening which was largely attended.

*Morning Star January 10, 1895*

The ladies of the M. E. society met with Mrs. I. A. Spawn last week and very much enjoyed her hospitality. Mrs. Alice Wilcox was elected president for the ensuing year and Mrs. Julia Worcester secretary. Tea was served to 25....Miss Annie Lyford has returned from a pleasure trip in Iowa....W. H. Bradley is home from a Michigan trip..Dr. Crockett now makes his home at Dr. Ransom's, and Dr. Lovsee may be found at the home of Henry Lovsee, he vacating his house for the doctor and moving into the one recently occupied by M. Harndon.

*Daily Register September 17, 1896*

A great many of our citizens took advantage of the Logan rates of last week and made a city trip. Among the number were Messrs. Sturtevant, Lyford, Wilson, Ransom, Mr. and Mrs. James McAfee and Mrs. Julia Worcester.

*Morning Star July 30, 1897*

Roscoe, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Julia Worcester very pleasantly entertained about a dozen young lady friends at tea last Friday afternoon. Last Saturday afternoon a very young man applied for permanent entertainment in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Budd. They now have three sons. Miss Mary Whipple is having a new barn erected on her place. Moses Hannamon and wife are enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Young, from northern Wisconsin.

*Register Gazette November 17, 1898*

Mrs. Julia Worcester gave a tea party to a dozen of her lady friends last week Friday.

*Rockford Republic November 22, 1898*

**for and a speedy recovery.**  
**The ladies of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Julia Worcester Wednesday, April 12.**

*Morning Star April 9, 1899*

Mrs. Julia Worcester entertained several of her lady friends last Tuesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. P. W. Ralston of Avondale.... Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Moore, Miss Smith and Mrs. Adams dined with F. S. Kent and family in Beloit last Saturday.... M. C. Harnden has purchased the Malott house in town and moved in last week.... Mesdames Jas. Hardy and Jeff Reed are both under the doctor's care.... Mrs. D. W. Worcester returned last week from Prophetstown, where she has spent the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Emma Alden....

Daily Register Gazette April 13, 1899

**ROSCOE**  
 Rev. Unger of Rockton and Dr. Eaton exchanged pulpits Sunday.  
 The missionary society of the M. E. church met at the home of Julia Worcester last Wednesday with a good attendance.  
 Ernest Worcester is on the sick list, also two of the children.

Rockford Republic, Roscoe Item April 20, 1899

**The Twentieth Century Club will meet with Mrs. Julia Worcester Friday evening, the time being too limited for the preparation of the drama.**

*Roscoe item, Rockford Morning Star April 21, 1899*

The Twentieth Century club was well attended at Dr. Crockett's last Friday evening and an enjoyable program heard. The last meeting previous to the banquet will be at Mrs. Julia Worcester's. All delinquents on program expected. . . Mrs. M. J. Wood left Sat-

*Roscoe item, Daily Register- Gazette, May 12, 1899*

from Evansville, Wis. . . . The Twentieth Century club will meet on Thursday evening with Mrs. Julia Worcester, when final arrangements for the annual banquet, to be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lovejoy June 2, will be made. . . Rev. and Mrs. . . . will attend the ministerial

*Daily Register Gazette May 19, 1899*



**The meeting of the Twentieth Century club at Mrs. F. B. Cummings's was very largely attended, there being nearly 50 present.... Mrs. Kay McCurry read a very fine paper on Art as Related to Education, which was very much enjoyed. The reading of Gray's Elegy was concluded, with Mrs. J. B. Atwood as leader, who made it very interesting. Mrs. Julia Worcester read a story much to the pleasure of the assembly. Mrs. J. M. Rhodes will**

*Daily Register Gazette November 24, 1899*

during the past few days....The annual meeting of the Twentieth Century club was held with its president, Mrs. Moore, Friday evening. The response to roll call was given in original rhymes by most of the members, a feature which called out much merriment. Mrs. Moore, although not well, was able to preside with her usual grace. Music was furnished by Mesdames A. C. and C. W. Wilcox. Election of officers resulted in the choice of the following officers for 1900 and 1901: President, Mrs. T. B. Moore; vice presidents, first, Mrs. J. B. Atwood, second, Mrs. Julia Worcester; third, Mrs. Alice McCurry; recording secretary, Clare A. Runyard; corresponding secretary and treasurer, Mary F. Fyler; musical director, Mrs. C. W. Wilcox. Following the election of officers and some other business, the company adjourned to the dining room, where all enjoyed an oyster supper....Rev. Hubbell of Belvidere Con-

*Daily Register Gazette January 18, 1900*

## THE ROSCOE REUNION

### HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI RENEW THEIR ASSOCIATIONS.

Work of a Famous School Honored by  
Its Former Students—Influence of  
Mrs. Moore Tenderly Recalled.  
Former Teachers.

That "each year's reunion seems better than the previous ones" was the verdict of very many who were in attendance upon the reunion of the Roscoe school alumni at the school house Friday. And while to some the presence of more of their classmates at a previous meeting may have made that one more memorable, the grade of reminiscence has never been higher, the music better nor the address more inspiring than at that just passed.

The morning session was called to order by the president, Mrs. Cora Taft, and after singing by the school Rev. H. V. Holt offered prayer. Mrs. Julia Worcester was elected temporary secretary and read the minutes of the last meeting as recorded by Mrs. Emma Moore.

Mrs. Taft, the new president, made pleasing remarks relating to the reunions; then all were pleased with a solo by Miss Blanche Thomas. Letters were read from Harmon B. Tuttle of St. Charles, Minn.; Mr. Strickland, son of a former teacher of the school in its earliest history, and from Mrs. Flora Andrus Ellis of Manchester, all pleasantly reminiscent.

*Daily Register Gazette July 2, 1900*

The Twentieth Century Club met at the home of Mrs. Fyler. Mrs. Julia Worcester read "Lady of the Lake." Bertha Cummings recited a poem. Mrs. M. K. Sargent gave "Reviews of Walter Scott," Mary Wilcox gave a beautiful solo. It being so in the center of the village, attendance could easily be good.

The ice harvest has come and the ice houses are being packed. G. H. Burt is putting up ice to run his meat market next summer.

*Rockford Republic February 5, 1901*

Mrs. Julia Worcester is packing up and expects to move to Chicago this week where her husband has a position of drawing plans. She was very active in church work and will be greatly missed. Dr. Crockett expects to occupy their home.

*Rockford Republic March 13, 1901*



**Mrs. Julia Worcester is here on a visit. Mrs. J. McAfee will soon break up housekeeping in the old home. She has built a cottage in Chicago which E. Worcester now occupies.**

*Morning Star July 31, 1902*

**Blanche Baldwin entertained Mrs. Julia Worcester and daughter Friday afternoon.... Moses Hannaman is ill and growing weaker.**

*Daily Register Gazette August 6, 1902*

**Mrs. Julia Worcester and daughter of Chicago is also spending a few weeks at Chas. Richardson's, hoping for benefit to her health which has been poor of late.**

*Morning Star June 25, 1903*

**Mrs. Julia Worcester and children of Chicago will summer in Roscoe. Mr. Hannum and family have been asked to vacate the McAfee house, for the benefit of Mrs. Worcester.**

*Rockford Republic April 20, 1906*

Mrs. Margaret McAfee of Chicago is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Richardson. The report of Mrs. Julia Worcester spending the summer in Roscoe is without foundation.

*Rockford Republic April 30, 1906*

Mrs. Julia Worcester and daughter of Chicago, are in Roscoe for a visit. The Methodist congregation was for

*Daily Register Gazette August 17, 1906*

Mrs. Julia Worcester of Chicago, who has been very seriously ill with diphtheria, is reported improved.

*Rockford Republic April 24, 1907*

Miss Vesta McAfee and Mrs. Julia Worcester of Chicago will go to Monroe Center Wednesday to visit Mrs. Alta Crill.

*Morning Star September 30, 1915*

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**OBITUARY**

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**ERNEST I. WORCESTER.**

Ernest Illsley Worcester died at his home in Irving Park Sunday morning, April 22, after a prolonged illness with bronchial trouble. He was born in Roscoe, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Worcester, pioneer residents, and was the last surviving member of the family. He grew to manhood here, received his education in Roscoe schools and was married May 12, 1887 to Julia McAfee, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McAfee. Four sons and one daughter blessed this union.

They made their home in Roscoe for several years, moving to Chicago eighteen years ago, where he was successful in business as a draftsman.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at their residence in Irving Park, the Rev. Mr. Haskins, his pastor for many years officiating. Mr. Worcester was faithful in church work and will be greatly missed both in the home and church.

Burial services will be held in Roscoe. The funeral party will arrive at 11 a. m. Tuesday and Roscoe friends will meet them at the C. & N. W. depot and go direct to the cemetery.

*Daily Register Gazette April 23, 1917*

**ROSCOE, April 23.**—Ernest Worcester died at his home in Irving Park Sunday morning, April 23, after a prolonged illness of pulmonary and heart trouble. He was born in Roscoe and was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Worcester, pioneer residents, and was the last surviving member of the family. Here he grew to manhood, receiving his education in our schools; was married to Julia McAfee May 12, 1887. Four sons and one daughter blessed their union, who, with the widow survive. Funeral services were held at the residence in Irving Park and burial services will be held in Roscoe. Friends will meet the funeral party at the Chicago and North-Western depot Tuesday at 11 a. m., going directly to the cemetery.

*Morning Star April 24, 1917*

Mrs. Julia Worcester and daughter of Chicago, are guests in the C. H. Richardson home.

*Daily Register Gazette August 1, 1917*

Mrs. Julia Worcester, son and daughter of Chicago, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hardy.

*Rockford Republic August 7, 1917*

The Laf-A-Lot club will go into camp at Hononegah park today to remain until after the National club gathering after which the older young ladies will go into camp. Mrs. Julia Worcester will chaperone both parties.

*Morning Star August 9, 1917*

Mrs. Julia Worcester and daughter return to their Chicago home Thursday.

*Daily Register Gazette August 24, 1917*

Mrs. Julia Worcester and son are visiting friends here.

*Morning Star June 2, 1918*



**MRS. MARGARET McAFEE.**  
 Word has been received in Rockford of the death of Mrs. Margaret Cross McAfee, which occurred Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Ralston, in Chicago, after a week's illness from pneumonia. Another daughter is Mrs. Julia Worcester, also of Chicago, and James McAfee of Beloit is a son. Mrs. McAfee was a sister of Samuel Norton of Rockford and had many friends in this city. The burial will be on Monday in the family lot in Roscoe cemetery.

Morning Star October 20, 1918

Mrs. Julia Worcester and son, Earl and family, of Chicago, motored here Sunday to attend Memorial exercises.

Daily Register Gazette May 5, 1921

## **MONROE CENTER**

MONROE CENTER, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Julia Worcester of Chicago visited her cousin, Mrs. W. H. Crill, Friday going to Roscoe, Friday evening to attend the festival and home coming Saturday.

*Morning Star September 27, 1922*

## **DEATH TAKES MRS. JULIA WORCESTER**

Mrs. Julia McAssee Worcester, former resident of Roscoe, died Friday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Madeline Lanarson, in Chicago, following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Worcester was born in Roscoe June 5, 1868. She is survived by four sons, Max, Earl, Ralph and Wayne, all of Chicago, and one daughter. Her husband died in 1916.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Roscoe cemetery, where burial will take place.

*Rockford Republic December 15, 1928*