

Grandma Coutts Dead

Helen Anderson Gordon was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, December 23, 1820. She was married on December 11, 1845 to Adam Coutts and began housekeeping on a small farm in the parish of Insh Aberdeenshire where she continued to live until the spring of 1875, where both family consisting of five sons and four daughters, were born.

In April, 1875, the family embracing the father, mother and the three youngest children decided to leave their native country and seek a home across the sea. As four of the older children had already secured a home in the west and had settled in Iowa, thither the parents and young members of the family turned their faces. On April 12, 1875, they reached Malcom, Old county, and traveled across the country to the home of their daughter, Mrs. John Senter (now deceased) in Pleasant township. Here a joyful meeting took place between the parents and daughter who had been separated for four and one-half years.

But there were some dark days

Long Beach, Calif.; and three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Beattie of Aberdeen, Scotland; Mrs. John Lee, of Burley, Idaho; and Mrs. Edward Lincoln, of Grinnell. At so two brothers, Rev. S. F. Gordon of Kent, England, and Rev. John Gordon of Devonshire, England, and one sister, Mrs. J. Thom, of Victoria, Australia.

Two of her children preceded her to the better land, John who died in infancy and Mrs. John Senter who died near Montezuma, in 1875.

She was converted in early life and united with the Congregational church and remained a faithful member of that church until the time she left Scotland. After coming to this country she joined her church later with the Methodist church of which she was a member at the time of her death. She was a great Bible student and during the time she has been dead in nothing delighted her as much as a visit from her pastor.

To spend an hour in conversation with Grandma Coutts was a rare privilege. She had been a born ob-

server of important events in the world's history, and blessed with a remarkable memory and a faith that was most sublime, she was familiar with all the paths that lead to the secret place of the Most High, where one can rest under the shadow of the Almighty. She has played a noble part in the span of life. She was a living example of Rutherford's words: "I've wrestled on toward Heaven, against storm and wind and tide. Now like a weary traveler, that leaneth on his guide, amidst the shades of evening, while sinka life's lingering sand, I hail the glory dawning of Immanuel's land."

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Lincoln home. Mrs. Coutts' two favorite hymns were sung by a quartet composed of Messrs. Arthur and Edward Lincoln, Jesse Lord and Clint Jones. The pall bearers were Ross V. Coatts, James Lincoln, Arthur Lincoln, Edward Lincoln, Charles Lincoln and Jesse Lord.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors for their help and sympathy during the last sickness and death of our beloved mother and grandmother, also for the beautiful floral offerings sent us at that time.

Edward Lincoln and Family,
Robert G. Coatts and Family.

Coutts, Helen

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