

OBITUARY.

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David Agnew, Sr.

David Agnew, Sr., was born in County Down, Ireland, May 10, 1850, and departed this life March 1, 1916, at the age of 65 years, 9 months, and 21 days. He came to this country in 1868, locating in Dutchess county, N. Y., and was united in marriage with Sarah Patterson in 1874. To this union were born eight children, David Jr., Robert, and Mrs. Emma Cleland, of Ewart, Ia.; Alfred, Frank, Minnie, and Paul, of Montezuma, Ia.; Mrs. Susan Bridges of Canada preceding both father and mother to the Great Beyond, July 9, 1909. With his companion he moved from New York to Canada, from Canada to Bay Mills, Mich., and in 1899 came to Ewart, Ia. In 1909 he made public confession of his faith in Christ and united with the United Presbyterian church of Ewart, continuing steadfast in his faith to the end. Since the death of his splendid companion, Jan. 12, 1911, he has been discontented and has continually prayed that he, too, might be called to be with his loved ones over there. He spent much time in Bible reading and prayer, and during his brief illness was in a prayerful state of mind, speaking aloud in prayer even when delirious, and said he was "going home to mamma," always speaking of his deceased companion in this way. Thirty minutes before his death, when asked if he would take some nourishment, he replied: "No; I want to go to my long, long home." The end came peacefully and without warning. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father, a splendid neighbor, a loyal citizen, and deserves much credit, with the assistance of his youngest daughter, Minnie, in maintaining the home and caring for the younger members of the family. He leaves to mourn his departure five sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren, a brother living in Australia, two sisters in Ireland, one in Canada and one in Pennsylvania, and a host of friends. Mr. Agnew will not only be missed by the family circle, but by his many friends and neighbors. The funeral was held in the United Presbyterian church of Ewart, Ia., at 1:30 o'clock Friday, March 3, 1916, in charge of Rev. W. R. Lawrence of Grinnell, Ia. A well filled house and the beautiful floral display were the expression of sympathy and esteem for Mr. Agnew and his family. Interment was made in Clover Hill cemetery.