

MRS. HENRY BARNES HAS PASSED AWAY

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Another of the Poweshiek County
Pioneers Closes Long and Useful
Life.

**DEATH CAME FRIDAY NIGHT
AFTER A LINGERING ILLNESS.**

Rev. C. S. Medbury of Des Moines
Conducted Funeral Monday Af-
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The death of Mrs. Henry S. Barnes at her home on Reed Street, which occurred July 11, takes from Grinnell one more of its many residents who have been recognized as Poweshiek County Pioneers. Her recent illness began last December and she has gradually failed, although during these many months she retained her courage and a cheerful spirit which had characterized her whole life. It was about two weeks ago that she took to her bed permanently.

Sarah Ann Adams was born in Brown county, Indiana, on January 12, 1853, and died on July 11, 1924, aged 71 years and 6 months.

On September 13, 1881, she was united in marriage with Henry S. Barnes at Montezuma, Iowa, by Rev. J. K. Cornell, minister of the Christian church there. To them were born five sons, Charles Henry Barnes, Yankton, S. D.; Frank Adams Barnes, Grinnell; Edward Ira, Grinnell; David William, Grinnell; and Thomas Walter, Knoke, Ia. These, together with the husband and seventeen grand children survive to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Barnes united with the Christian church in early youth and has remained steadfast in her faith throughout her life. She was loved by all who knew her and in her last days was patient, kind and gentle, appreciative of every help and kindness.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. C. S. Medbury of University Place Church in Des Moines. The singing was by George Hall and Mrs. George Hall with Miss Mae Wilson at the piano. They sang first "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and next "Lead Kindly Light." Rev. J. M. Hoffman offered prayer. Dr. Medbury gave a very eloquent and earnest talk referring with much feeling to his acquaintance with Mr. and Mrs. Barnes when the latter were members of his church in the 90's at

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Drake University Place. He spoke especially of Mrs. Barnes as he had known her a true hearted Christian woman, kind and loving in her home and especially devoted to her duties as a mother. He suggested the thought that "because God could not be everywhere He therefore gave us mothers." Around this thought he wove the beautiful sentiment of a mother's place in the world and made his application to the true and active life of the woman whose death was being commemorated at this time.

The bearers were the four sons, who were present, Frank, Ed, Will, and Tom, and Harvey Griffith and James McKee, both near relatives of the deceased. Burial was in Hazelwood cemetery.

Early in her life a resident at Montezuma, Mrs. Barnes was a member of a pioneer family and was one of 12 children. She had outlived all her brothers and sisters being the last to pass away. Marked by an earnest and pure character she gave her strength to her family and yet she never forgot that she had a part in life which bound her to her friends, and sacrificed much for the friendships she had formed. She was a queen in the home and her Christian character only exalted the noble ideals which she upheld for her family. Though quiet and modest she possessed the energy which made her a strong force in the circle in which she lived. In her death the family has lost a dear and loved wife and mother and her neighbors, a warm and devoted friend.

The large company who attended to join in the last sad ceremonies were a testimonial to the love which they bore to the woman who in life had spread the gospel of sunshine and Christian cheer. During her long illness there was no complaint, there was only the earnest effort to do what she could for her family. Her mind was clear to the last and only a few moments before she died she was able to converse with her sons and husband.

Those who came from a distance to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Barnes and two children, Mary Eleanor and Roger of Knoke; Mrs. Lulu Kent of Memphis, Mo.; James McKee, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Adams and Mrs. Sadie Ensor of Montezuma; Mr. and Mrs. David Spence, and Mrs. Spence's two sisters of Connecticut, from Marshalltown; Mrs. Fred Keller of Deep River; and Mrs. Clint Alden and daughter, Mrs. ...