

Bessie Fern Beaty.  
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Miss Bessie Fern Beaty, who was stricken by heart failure and passed away at her home in Newburg, Iowa, last Friday, is the daughter of the late A. L. Beaty, who died from a similar attack seven years ago.

She was born near Newburg June 13, 1887, and the little less than twenty-one years of her childhood and youth have all been spent in that community. After completing her course in the rural schools she took Normal training at Newton, in preparation for the work of a teacher. She then returned and began teaching in the schools of her own neighborhood, but she soon found that her strength was not sufficient for this kind of work, and was obliged to drop it. She then took charge of the telephone exchange at her mother's home in Newburg, where she was engaged in answering the needs of one of her patrons when the death messenger called for her.

She improved well her opportunities for musical training, and made excellent use of her talents, both in her home and in church and Sabbath school services.

She early learned to love her Savior and joined the United Brethren church of which her father and mother were members.

The funeral services were held in her church home at Hickory Grove on Monday, May 11, at eleven o'clock a.m., and were in charge of her pastor, Rev. D. C. Violet, assisted by Rev. H. L. Wissler of the Newburg Congregational church. Some of her girl friends were chosen to act as pall bearers. The music consisted of gospel songs that were favorites with her, and was in charge of a number of the young people with whom she was wont to sing.

Despite the drenching rain, the church was filled with loving and sympathetic friends, each and all anxious to find means of expressing their sympathy for the mother and two brothers, and their sense of the loss that the church and community has sustained.