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**MRS CASTARA Q. BURGETT**

Mrs. Castara Q. Burgett died at her home in Deep River Tuesday evening, January 17th. Her death was unexpected altho she had not been in robust health for some time.

Mrs. Burgett had been a resident of the Deep River community since 1857 and had reached the age of 91 years. She was the mother of seven children, the eldest son, Bingham, was a student in Grinnell at the time of the cyclone in 1882, and lost his life in that storm. Her youngest daughter, Lulu Wilma, died in 1901. Her other children, A. L. Burgett of Montezuma, William Q. Burgett of Newell, Winnifred Tibbals of Baker City, Oregon, and Miss Mantie and John S. Burgett of Deep River survive.

Since the death of Mr. P. B. Burgett in 1910 the home group has consisted of Miss Mantie and John S. who tenderly cared for their mother as the feebleness of age gradually came upon her. Her condition was not considered serious and on Monday John went to Cedar Rapids on business and was not at home when the end came.

For many years the Burgett home was upon the farm which was many miles from a railroad. Later the railroad was built and the Burgett farm was divided by the tracks. The town of Deep River was established a short distance away and later on the family moved to the new town to reside. Mrs. Burgett was a woman of refinement, taking an active part in church and public work and to the end retained her mental faculties almost unimpaired. She was the last of ten children, her sister, Mrs. Cornelia Norris having preceeded her in death but a few months. Her grandfather came from Ireland and fought in the Revolutionary war. Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and her brother served during the Civil War.

She had witnessed the building up of this country, for when the home was first established there was an uninterrupted view of Montezuma on the one side and Millersburg on the other. Her descriptions of the early days were very interesting and during the past few months she took great interest in a series of newspaper accounts of the things early settlers did. She made some contributions to these stories.

Her long life was full of activity and it was fitting the end should come as one quietly going to sleep. She was taking her rest and at the close of the day her life closed and the long sleep came without a struggle.—Montezuma Republican.