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PIONEER WOMAN DIES

One by one the early settlers are being gathered to their reward, and the good work they did will bear fruit in the enlightened community where they lived, worked and builded.

Among those justly entitled to much credit for the work done and the high aspirations fostered and served must be named a dear woman recently deceased. Of her much may be said that is good and none that is evil.

Mahala Jane Carson, daughter of Levi and Susana Carson, was born January 9th, 1845, near Noblesville, Hamilton county, Indiana, and died at her home in this city November 15th, 1919, aged 74 years, 10 months and 5 days. At the age of 11 years she came with her parents to this state settling in Greene county. One year later, in 1857, they removed to Jasper county, near Kellogg. Here on November 17th, 1859, she was united in marriage to Nathaniel W. Cox, son of Preston Cox, who moved to Jasper county in 1849, only six years after the first settler drove into the county. Mr. Carson with his family first settled in Greene county in 1856, but following the Spirit Lake Indian massacre in February, 1857, they became uneasy and decided to move to a more thickly settled part of the state, and located near the home of Preston Cox.

To this marriage with N. W. Cox were born six children, Ora, Ellen, Albert Lee, Mary Susan, Edgar Marshal and two sons who died in earliest infancy. She was also preceded in death by her husband and two older sons. She is survived by her two daughters, Mrs. E. P. Bonsall of this city and Mrs. B. R. Crawford of Admiral, Saskatchewan, Canada, and one sister, Mrs. C. Dickson, of Newburg, Iowa, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In 1870 Mr. and Mrs. Cox with their children moved to a farm in Hickory Grove township and in 1883 moved to Grinnell, living here several years in the home now occupied by Dr. Buck. About 1906 his son-in-law, B. R. Crawford, and family, moved to Admiral, Sask., to a farm owned by Mr. Cox and in 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Admiral, where Mr. Cox died in 1915. The body was buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, near the old home. Since that time Mrs. Cox has been at home with her daughter, Mrs. E. P. Bonsall in Grinnell.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox were notable people and did much to build up the community in which they lived. Mr. Cox was a prominent and leading Mason and was also a member of the Mystic Shrine, and both were charter members of the Eastern Stars of Grinnell. Both endured the hardships of the early days and many are the stories they could and did tell of early life in Jasper county. Mr. Cox was the oldest son and the but nine years old when his father settled in Jasper, he early felt the call to hard toil and he made good use of it. In those days one winter his father was too ill to work and it devolved upon the young but willing boy to aid his mother to keep the home comfortable. Many a tree did he and his mother cut together that winter for wood and many it took. The early home had no windows and it was necessary to keep the door open to get light to do the housework by. And it took some wood. The Cox family endured many other privations and one year went thro the winter without bread.

While living in Hickory Grove township, a Christian church was organized, with services in a nearby school house. To this organization Mrs. Cox gave her name and retained her connection with it until the church was dissolved.

Mr. Cox's parents were Primitive Baptists and his interest always remained with the church of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox lived to enjoy together 56 years of happy wedded life. Last Monday, Nov. 17, was the 60th return of their marriage date, a day always enjoyed by the happy couple when living.

The funeral was held yesterday at 2:00 o'clock at the home of E. P. Bonsall, 1517 Elm St., conducted by Rev. N. J. Peterson.

The body was borne to its last resting place by kind friends: A. Moxley, A. J. Breeden, E. M. Clay, Henry Frahm, Luther Verbeck and T. S. Mason. Music was by old-time Newburg friends, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Phillips.

Burial was in Hazelwood, it being the intention of her daughters to have their father's body laid beside her.

Mrs. Cox was one of God's noble women. She was a self-sacrificing wife and mother, forgetful of self and always thoughtful for the comfort and happiness of her loved ones. She was a beautiful, refined woman, possessing that rarest of all attainments, the charm of a sweet and gracious disposition. She was one of those whom everyone loved and admired. None knew her but to love her or named her but to praise.

Mrs. Cox's daughter, Mrs. B. R. Crawford, of Admiral, Sask., came down to attend the funeral and expects to return home in a few days.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who have done so much to lighten our sorrows and soften our grief by their help and sympathy at the loss of a loved mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bonsall,
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Crawford,
Mrs. C. Dickson