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MRS. ANN WILSON FRASER.

(James)

Ann (Wilson) Fraser was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Jan 12, 1821 and died at her home in this city on March 21, 1907, so was in her 87th year. She was the youngest of a family of eleven children and was the last one of the family to pass away.

In 1857 she was married to James Fraser and together they left their native land the following summer to seek their fortune in far-off America. After an arduous journey of six weeks they came by way of the Great Lakes to Chicago and thence to St. Louis and up the Mississippi to Davenport where they located in September, 1857.

At that time Scott County contained but 7,000 inhabitants and much of pioneer hardships was met with by them. Two of Mr. Fraser's brothers, Peter and Robert, had preceded them to Iowa and together they endured the trials and did their full share to make the wilderness blossom as the rose.

On Feb. 28, 1875 Mr. Fraser died and the widowed mother came to Grinnell with her children. To the happy union had been born six children, three of whom preceded the mother in death. The three surviving, who mourn the loss of an affectionate mother and noble woman are Sara F. Dodge of Clearfield, Iowa and Alex. E. and Geo. M. Fraser of this city.

Very early in their united life Mr. and Mrs. Fraser became members of the Presbyterian church and remained in that communion until her death.

She passed away with the love of all who knew her intimately, the adoration of her immediate family circle and the esteem and the respect with those who came in contact with her in a more distant way.

Funeral services were held at her home on South East St. on Friday at three o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. M. McClelland and the remains were taken to Blue Grass, Scott county by her children for interment on Saturday, March 23.

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