

A PIONEER WOMAN GONE.
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Useful Woman of Many Years Residence Here Passes Away.

Mrs. Mary Harrington, whose life story might easily form an interesting chapter of local history, died last Saturday at the age of eighty years.

Mary Ann Fisk was born in Northfield, Vermont, on August 6, 1838. When a girl of twelve years she moved to Williamstown, Vermont, where she lived until January 22, 1856, when she was married to Nathan Harrington. To this union were born two sons and three daughters, Allison M., Esther E., who died a few years ago, Ivan M., who lives in Grinnell, Mrs. William Allison, living north of town, and Mrs. L. A. Hopkins, who has just returned from Chillicothe, Ohio, to make her home in this city, and an adopted son, for whom she made a home for fifteen years, now residing in Massachusetts.

After her marriage, she and her husband moved to Bureau county, Illinois, then an unsettled state. After three years in Illinois they returned to Vermont where they resided for eight years, then returned to Illinois for a year. From there they moved to northeastern Iowa for a year. On election day, in the fall of 1868, they started from Delaware county in a covered wagon for the southwestern part of the state. They passed through Grinnell on their way and settled in Adair county. During the first winter there there was not a home in sight of the one in which they lived. In 1872 they came to Grinnell and settled on a farm five miles southeast of town, where they remained for eight years. In 1881 they moved to a farm three miles north of town where she lived until she removed to her home on South Main street.

Mr. Harrington died in November, 1905. She, however, continued to make this place her home until about a year ago, when she became bedfast and has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Allison, north of town.

Mrs. Harrington united with the Methodist church at the age of twelve years and was at one time a Sunday school teacher. She was always a conscientious Christian.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the I. M. Harrington home on West street, conducted by Rev. E. M. Vittum. Burial was at Hazelwood.

Music was by Miss Bartlett and Miss Thomson. Bearers were Geo. H. Brown, Wallace Child, Harry Huff, F. P. Marvin, Dr. E. C. Bliss and J. T. Hastings.

Mrs. Harrington was a kind, lovable woman who gave her time to the better things in life. She had friends everywhere. Her children grew up under her benign influence to desire and to love all that is best, and it can be said of her that her life was a benediction to all who came within the circle of her influence.

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