

An Obituary Of Mrs. Sarah C. Jarnagin

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Sarah Catharine Aiken was born in Richland township, Marion county, Iowa, October 19, 1856. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Shadrach Aiken, who at that time were traveling by covered wagon from Ohio to Kansas. The caravan halted north of what is now Leighton, and there, in an abandoned cabin, the subject of this sketch was born.

She spent her girlhood days on a farm near Leighton, and later attended college at what was then Central university at Pella. It was there that she met Joseph W. Jarnagin, to whom she was married at Monroe on October 17, 1878.

Mr. Jarnagin took his bride to Colfax, where he engaged in the newspaper business. Later they lived at Lynnville, Oskaloosa, Montezuma and Cedar Falls. While residing in Montezuma Mrs. Jarnagin was an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church and was chorister of the church for many years.

Mr. Jarnagin continued his activities as a newspaper publisher until they moved to Des Moines in 1913, where he became editor of the Iowa Farmer. In recent years he was a newspaper correspondent, living with Mrs. Jarnagin at 1046 22nd St., where his death occurred February 6, 1932. Both were members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church.

It is a sad circumstance that Mrs. Jarnagin passed away December 18, 1934.

Those who survive to mourn her passing are two sons and a daughter: William Claude Jarnagin of Storm Lake, Roy A. Jarnagin of Peterson, and Mrs. Edith M. Goldberg, who made her home with her mother; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter; two brothers, Charles F. Aiken of Storm Lake and Jesse B. Aiken of Earlham; two sisters, Annette B. Brown of Omaha and R. Belle Montgomery of Oskaloosa, besides countless friends.

Interment was made beside the grave of her devoted husband in Glendale cemetery, Des Moines.