

OBITUARY.

3-18-1919
Mrs. M. A. Kensinger.

Marcia Ann Wood was born at Wilsboro, Essex County, New York, November 18, 1852, and died at the Des Moines General Hospital at six p. m., March 13, 1919, at the age of 66 years, 3 months and 25 days.

Her death came as the result of hydrostatic pneumonia, following a serious operation. She had continued to improve and gain in strength; but with serious complications, yet without a struggle or pain, the messenger of death came, thus bringing to a finished end, a beautiful and successful life.

She came west in 1869 and in 1870 was married to Christopher Kensinger and settled in Madison township, Poweshiek county, Iowa, where she lived the greater part of her useful life. To this union were born and reared eleven stalwart men and women, all of whom have married and established homes of their own: George R., Leonard, N. D.; Edna M. Dayton, Grinnell; Benjamin F., Brooklyn; Java G., Tama; Friend E., Malcom; Anna M. Jones, New Hampton; Elmer A., Freeport, Ill.; Lorinda C., Edgington, Laramie, Wyo.; Harry E., Stanford, Mont.; Elsie L. Doolittle, Pittsburgh, Penn., and Lottie L. Volkmer, Iowa City.

Because of her ambition and desire for her children's higher education, it was necessary to leave the farm, and she moved with her four youngest to Grinnell in 1904. Lorinda C. and Harry E. attending the Grinnell Academy and graduating from Grinnell College with the class of 1912, Elsie and Lottie graduating from the high school in 1909 and 1914 respectively.

In 1914 she moved to Iowa City and Elsie and Lottie were graduated from the State University in 1915 and 1918 respectively.

Her health and vitality have been remarkable; these she gave to her children thru sickness and health, unsparingly and unselfishly. Nothing was too good for them if it were in her power, thru her own sacrifice and labor, to obtain it. Her home was always open to her friends and those of her children and no one ever left her home without feeling the presence of a kind, sympathetic and sacrificing mother.

For years she has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and altho not attending regularly herself, her influence was definite and her children could be depended upon. Straightforward and business-like in her dealings, she made, in her womanly way, many friends who will not soon forget her.

Of the northern Poweshiek early settlers she is the last to depart from this world, and altho all was done that human hands and hearts of sympathy could do, the work here on earth apparently completed, the spirit of this kind, respected citizen, sympathetic neighbor, and noble, endearing mother departed this world, for the world where sorrow and toil are no more.

She leaves to mourn her death, her eleven children, all of whom were present at the funeral, one brother, Addison A. Wood of Calene, S. D., four sisters, all of New York, twenty-five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Her body was laid to rest in the Haven cemetery beside those of her relatives who have gone on before.