

IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

4-17-1923

Mrs. Dess Martin Passed Away Saturday Morning After a Long Illness.

FUNERAL SERVICES WERE HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Martin Before Her Marriage Was Alta May Crews -- Was Woman Of Many Friends.

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Alta May Crews, daughter of Lossen and Minnie Crews, was born in Sugar Creek neighborhood, Jasper county, Oct. 11, 1889, and died in Grinnell, April 14, 1923, aged 34 years, 6 months and three days. She was married to Dess Martin in 1908, and they made their home on a farm south of Grinnell. Later they moved to Grinnell and resided there for several years. Returning to the farm, they lived the past two years near No. 2 Schoolhouse, Washington township. Here her health broke down and for nearly a year she was confined most of the time to her home.

All that loving care could do, was done to restore her to health, but her strength could not resist the sickness which preyed upon her, and she passed away at the St. Francis hospital last Saturday morning.

She was converted and joined the Friends church at Oak Grove, and remained a member until her death.

All through her sickness she was cheerful and hopeful, always interested in others, willing to help in the missionary meetings, and neighborhood gatherings when it was possible for her to do so. She knew the blessing and comfort of prayer, and her Bible had its place in her sick chamber. Her kindly disposition won her many friends who are saddened by her early death. She leaves to mourn her departure, her husband, her mother, three sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Roy White, who lives south of Grinnell, Grace Crews of Pasadena, California, Mrs. Etta Bowen of Lynnville, Albert and Forest who live north of Grinnell, and Ellsworth, who with his mother, live on her farm near Oak Grove.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Friends church by Rev. Robert Lincoln, assisted by Rev. Orin Hutchins. Appropriate music was furnished by a quartette including Rev. and Mrs. Orin Hutchins and G. W. Richards and daughter, Rachael. Pallbearers were Albert, Forest and Ellsworth Crews, Roy White, Tracy Bowen and Orville Gilbert. Interment was in Hazelwood.