

Daughter Of February 26, 1929 A Pioneer

Mrs. B. P. Meigs Came to County
With Her Father in a Covered
Wagon.

FATHER WAS REV. ABNER
D. CHAPMAN, EARLY PASTOR

Mrs. Meigs Died in Long Beach, Calif.
Burial Service Was Held
in Malcom.

(From the Malcom Leader)

Mary Josephine Meigs was born in Melmore, Seneca County, Ohio, August 23, 1851 and passed away at her home, 232 Kennebec Ave. Long Beach, California, February 11, 1929.

She was the youngest daughter of Rev. Abner D. Chapman. In 1859 her father accepted a call as a home missionary to Brooklyn and Malcom moving there in a covered wagon. Here he founded the first Presbyterian church and was its pastor for many years.

She obtained her early education in the country school and her academic work at Grinnell College after which she taught the village school at Dresden.

In 1869 she was married to Benjamin P. Meigs who preceded her in death August 19, 1923.

Mrs. Meigs resided in Malcom until 1914 which year they moved to Long Beach, California where she resided until her death.

With the passing of Mrs. Meigs, the last one of that pioneer minister's family is gone. From a child she was a devout member of the Presbyterian church and until recent years when ill health made it impossible she took an active part in all its affairs.

After moving to Long Beach she joined the 2nd Presbyterian church uniting by letter from the one in Malcom. She was also a member of the Long Beach Ebell club having graduated from the art department last year.

She was a loving wife and mother, always willing to give of herself for others. Her interest in life was maintained throughout her declining years.

She leaves to mourn her loss four children, Dr. Benjamin L. Meigs, Dr. A. C. Meigs, Miss Ethel Meigs all of Long Beach and Mrs. Grace Meigs Herkelrath of San Deigo, two grand children, Betty Meigs and Frank Herkelrath, Jr., a brother in law, Mr. A. P. Meigs Long Beach.

Mrs. Meigs was laid to rest in Malcom, Iowa, her funeral being held February 16, 1929. The pall bearers were Grover Eisele, Harley Booknau, Earl Taylor, Henry Wichmann, Lou Maxfield and Glenn Terraberry.

Those attending from out of town were: Mrs. Grace Herkelrath of San Diego; Dr. Arthur C. Meigs of Long Beach; Mr. James B. Meigs and wife of Chicago; Dr. Alma J. Chapman of York, Nebraska; Mrs. Nellie McClay of Marshalltown; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd of Montezuma.

Benjamin P.