

William

From Montezuma paper included in Gloria's obituary

Ludda Vestal Moody was born Jan. 30 1823 in Yadkin county North Carolina and died in Mt Pleasant May 28, 1904 being 81 years, 4 months and 8 days old.

She was one of a family of twelve children but three of whom survive her. One sister of Des Moines who was present at the funeral and two brothers one in Minnesota and one in Kansas City. This brother would have been on hands at the funeral but for a wreck on the road which made it impossible.

Mrs. Moody was twice married first when a young lady of 26 years, to Wm. Mackey and later in life to William Moody who has also preceded her into the other world.

For many years she has been a devoted christian and an active member of the M. E. Church.

She had selected Isaiah 25:10 for her funeral text and had also requested Mrs. Clay Shell, an old friend, to sing two selections at her funeral. Her requests were complied with and the services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

A large number of friends were in attendance at this service which shows the high regard in which she was held by all who knew her from Stephen Moody.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 2, 1904.  
Mrs. John Porter, Montezuma, Iowa.

Dear Madam: Thinking you might like to know something of the last days of Mrs. Luddy Moody and because of her frequent reference to you during the past two or three months I write you this letter.

Mrs. Moody's general condition had failed during the past five or six months. She had not been ill, but had grown steadily weaker. She was as a rule very cheerful and pleasant, but on account of her great restlessness she was always difficult to care for. We tried to keep her in bed most of the time because of her restlessness hoping in that way to conserve her strength and prolong her life. She has been very happy in hearing from you and Mrs. Hayes and especially appreciated your kindness in sending her the good things which came on two different occasions. Of all the things that came to her I think she enjoyed her bible the most. She had it with her almost continually and it was in reaching toward the light in the early part of the day trying to see more clearly that she lost her balance and fell from her bed receiving the severe shock which contributed to her death. She did not lose consciousness at all after the fall and always declared that she was as well as she ever was, even up to about two hours before she died when it was growing difficult for her to speak. When I went to her bed-side after the fall and in my distress over her condition said to her, "Mrs. Moody, what shall I do with you?" she looked up at me and said very sweetly, "Just let me die and go to heaven I will be better off." She always expressed a most Christian faith and took great pleasure in thinking of things pertaining to the life beyond and talking of those of her dear ones who had gone there and what a joy it would be to her to be with them again.

Will you kindly let Mrs. Hayes know the contents of this letter and any other friends who are nearest to her? I am sure that Mrs. Moody would like you to know of her last hours. She died very quietly and without apparent suffering.

Very truly yours,  
C. F. APPLGATE, M. D.  
Superintendent.