

# Old Resident of 1-12-1931 Brooklyn Dies

(From The Brooklyn Chronicle).

Mrs. M. E. Manatt, one of the community's oldest residents and earliest settlers, died on New Year's Day, at ten o'clock. Mrs. Manatt had been in failing health for several years and her death was not unexpected. She died on the farm where she had spent all her married life, which covered a period of over 60 years, and the funeral services were held from the farm home. She was buried in the Brooklyn cemetery beside her husband who preceded her in death a good many years.

Mrs. Manatt was born Mary Ellen Price, daughter of John K. and Eliza Price, and was the last of a family of eight children. She was a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, and was born April 3, 1845. She came with her parents to Iowa in 1851, locating first at Davenport. In 1855 the family moved to Poweshiek county and homesteaded a claim from the government. Here she lived the life of the early settlers of that time, endured their hardships and privations, and witnessed the transformation of the wild, trackless prairie country into the highly developed rich farming region of today. She was of that sturdy pioneer stock to whom this generation owes a debt it can never pay.

In 1864 she was united in marriage with John Manatt, and the home was established on the Manatt homestead west of Carnforth, where she has resided for the past 64 years, on land originally purchased by the Manatts from the government. She was a home maker and as children came to bless the home, they received the tender, nurturing care of a devoted mother. She lived to a ripe old age, seeing her children take places of responsibility in the world, and died loved and respected by all. Her husband preceded her in death in October of 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Manatt were the parents of eight children: Frank E. of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Imogene Clark of Brooklyn, John R. of Victor, Charles U. of Cedar Rapids, Mrs. Charles Graves of Perry, Mrs. Clara Nelson of Brooklyn, Clyde R. of Cascade and Jay P. of Brooklyn.

Besides the sons and daughters who mourn her loss she leaves 27 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

In her childhood she was a member of the Quaker church but of later years she was affiliated with the Congregational church of Carnforth.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the home at 2 o'clock, Rev. C. W. Hempstead of Muscatine conducting the service. Interment was made in the Brooklyn cemetery. A large concourse of sorrowing friends attended the funeral and burial service at Brooklyn.

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