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born at Westfield, New Hampshire,

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November 29th, 1826. She was married to Thomas Shackley, * September 10th, 1848. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to the western frontier, locating at Grinnell, Iowa. That was when the city was very small yet and Mr. Shackley hauled the first load of rock for the foundation of Grinnell College. He also hauled lumber from Iowa City for the buildings. Mr. and Mrs. Shackley were warm and intimate friends of President Magoun and they aided all they could in a financial way for the advancement of that institution of learning. They, with many others, passed through the cyclone of 1881, and lost their buildings, at which time Mrs. Shackley suffered much, having some bones broken and sustaining injuries from which she never fully recovered.

She had a bright intellect, an unusual good retentive memory, and a strong will power. She was a good financier, was well versed in the Law of God and of the land, and if she caught any one violating either of them, they would hear from her in a way that they would not misunderstand and that caused her to have a few enemies.

Notwithstanding the fact that she suffered much pain continually, she was usually cheerful and suffered her afflictions with Christian fortitude. Even the last day of her life she was very social and chatted with the neighbors who came in to see her. She retired to rest that evening just as usual at her regular time, and fell asleep, but when called in the morning of February 2nd, she failed to answer, for the spirit had taken its flight to the Paradise of God.

The body looked so natural and life-like that none could believe that she was dead, but only soundly sleeping. All indications are that she passed off without even waking up.

The funeral was conducted from her late residence by her pastor, Elder J. S. Roth. Although she left no near relations, she had many warm friends as was demonstrated by the large number who were present at the funeral. Her mortal remains were laid to rest on February 4th in the beautiful Hazelwood.

November 12, 1968

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"Mrs. Sarah A. (Cook) Shackley, was born in Westfield, New Hampshire, November 26, 1826. She was married to Thomas Shackley, September 19, 1843. Soon after their marriage they emigrated to the western frontier, landing at Grinnell. That was when the city was very small yet, and Mr. Shackley hauled the first load of rock for the foundation of Grinnell College. He also hauled lumber from Iowa City for the buildings.

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Card of Thanks

"I desire to express gratitude of my heart to all the good neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted at the death and funeral of our good old mother, Sarah A. Shackley"

(Signed) E. V. Lester

From the 1905 Grinnell City Directory

"Shackley, Mrs. Thomas, widow, 521 Eighth Avenue
"Lester, Edward A., gardner, 321 Eighth Avenue

From our records we learn that Thomas Shackley died Sept 6, 1899 and that they came to Grinnell in 1858.