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Wm. H. Simmons H.

"Entered unto rest" Jan. 31st, 1895, Esther J., wife of Wm. H. Simmons of Oak Grove, and eldest daughter of Geo. and Sarah Annie Harris formerly of Dorsetshire, England, but now living in Union county, South Dakota.

Esther Jane Harris was born at Stanton, St. Gabriel's, Dorsetshire, England, on June 6th, 1866. In 1884 her parents with their family came to this country remaining at Oak Grove for three years, when they located at Union county, S. D., where they now reside.

April 2nd, 1885, Ettie was united in marriage to Wm. H. Simmons and has since lived near Oak Grove, with the exception of one year in Sioux county. Her gentle ways and faithful Christian life had endeared her to all who knew her, and much sympathy has been felt for her in her long illness. For many months Mrs. Simmons had been quite helpless unable to rise or sit down without assistance. Having still the use of her hands her busy fingers were constantly employed, knitting articles of use and beauty for her friends to have when her hands too should lose their power. To friends who visited her she expressed the conviction that her days were few, and though she grieved to leave her husband and little son, and yet "God knows best, and if it is His will, I am ready." A precious little girl had preceded her to the home land in August, 1890, and the hope of clasping again the loved one in her arms made her more willing to leave the hopes of earth for the certainties of Heaven. The funeral services were held at the home on Sunday at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Mr. Cunningham from Grinnell, after which the precious remains were laid to rest in the Westfield cemetery. The parents of Mrs. Simmons with their family when in England were members of the Church of England and Mrs. Simmons was always much attached to the church, having been baptized, confirmed and received her first Holy Communion there.